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TV ZOOMS IN ON THE CUP

A TRIAL FOR HANSEN, A SMILE FOR KERR



South Melbourne Hellenes goalkeeper John Hansen is beaten by this shot by Alexander's Gary Cole (inset) in the big all-Greek clash at Middle Park in Melbourne last Sunday.

The match, drawn 1-1, was watched by a Phillips League record crowd of 16,000.

While Hansen had the disappointment of being beaten, captain Alan Kerr (right) and the men of Essendon Croatia celebrated after winning the Victorian Ampol Cup final against Makedonia on penalties.

Croatia and George Cross meet in the opening match of the Victorian State League season at Olympic Park on Friday Night. Reserves start at 7.15 pm, following by seniors. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

FINAL TO BE SHOWN LIVE

Twelve World Cup games, including the final, will be shown on television throughout Australia by the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

The ceremony and the first game between West Germany and Poland will be shown live from about 2 am on Friday, June 2.

The final and the play-off for third place will also be shown live.

The other games will be replays. An hour of match highlights will be shown at 6 pm and the games will be shown in full at 10 pm.

First round matches to be shown are:

Hungary v Argentina, June 6, 6 pm and 10 pm.
Peru v Scotland, June 7, 6 pm and 10.25 pm.
Italy v Hungary, June 10, highlights 6 pm.
Brazil v Spain, June 11, 5 pm and 10.05 pm.

Italy v Argentina, June 14, 6 pm and 10.25 pm.
Holland v Scotland, June 15, 6 pm and 10.10 pm.

Second-round games to be shown are:

Winner of Group One v runner-up Group Two June 18, 5 pm and 10.05.

Winner Group Four v winner Group Two, June 22, 6 pm and 10.10 pm.

Runner-up Group Four v winner Group One, June 23 6 pm and 10.10 pm.

Groups are:

GROUP ONE: Argentina, Italy, Hungary, France.
GROUP TWO: West Germany, Poland, Mexico, Tunisia.

GROUP THREE: Brazil, Sweden, Austria, Spain.
GROUP FOUR: Holland, Scotland, Iran, Peru.

The play-off for third place will be shown live from about 3 am on Sunday, June 25.

The final will be shown direct at about the same time on Monday, June 26. The match will be repeated in full at 8.30 pm that night.

The only TV game that will not be shown in full in Melbourne is the one between Italy and Hungary.

Highlights of it will be screened at 6 pm but the ABC prefers to stick with its VFL (Aussie Rules) programme later that night, rather than repeating the Cup game.

In securing exclusive World Cup TV rights, the ABC has shown greater foresight than any of the other Australian networks, including 0-10, which runs the Philips Top Soccer programme — IANIR SCHWAR

Peter Marinello for Canberra

Scottish star Peter Marinello will join Canberra City on May 8 for about 10 games.

His first game will be against Hakoah-East in Sydney in Round 11 of the Phillips League championship.

Marinello is an old friend of Canberra goalkeeper Ron Tilsed.

Marinello, 27, met Tilsed at Arsenal, the club to which he transferred from Hibernian for about \$170,000.

From Arsenal, Marinello joined Portsmouth, again for

\$170,000, and Tilsed went with him.

Portsmouth sold Marinello to his present club, Motherwell, for about \$90,000.

He scored both goals in Motherwell's recent 2-1 victory over Celtic in a Premier League match.

Marinello's visit will be paid for by a sponsor who will probably be named next week.

Canberra is also looking for a sponsor to help the club get Adrian Alston back.

Hopefully, Alston will return at the end of July.

Meanwhile, Canberra has signed Highett Kingsgate company to sponsor two of its home matches including the one against Fitzroy Alexander in two weeks' time. — JOHNNY WARREN

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Ristovski injured

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Victorian forward Mendo Ristovski was hit by a car last week and will be out of action for at least a month.

Ristovski was struck down while walking across a street in Footscray last Friday night.

The accident injured his right knee.

Ristovski could not play in J.U.S.T.'s scoreless draw with Western Suburbs in Sydney last Sunday.

Ristovski has been forced to withdraw from the Victorian squad.



Peter Marinello



Games

This week's Phillips League games:

IN MELBOURNE
Alexander v West
Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park, Saturday, 3pm
J.U.S.T. v St
Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Park, Sunday 3pm

IN SYDNEY
Hakoah-East v Marconi at Wentworth Park, Sunday 3pm.
Western Suburbs v Brisbane City, Englefield Stadium, Sunday 3pm.
St George v Newcastle, Barton Park, Sunday 3pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v Canberra, Perry Park, Saturday, 7.30 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide Juventus v Sydney Olympic, Olympic Field, Saturday 2.30 pm.

STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
Marconi	2	1	0	8	3	2	0	0	5	0
Hakoah-East	0	0	1	1	3	3	1	0	10	3
St Melbourne	1	2	0	5	2	1	1	0	3	1
West Suburbs	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	4	0
Syd Olympic	0	0	2	3	3	1	1	0	2	1
Canberra	0	0	3	0	5	1	0	1	3	3
W. Ad. Hellas	1	0	2	4	5	1	1	0	2	1
Brisbane City	2	0	1	5	4	0	2	0	2	4
St. George	1	0	1	2	3	1	0	2	4	6
Adel. Juventus	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	4	5
Brisbane Lions	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	5	6
Footscray JUST	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3
Fitz. Alexander	1	0	2	2	5	0	1	1	1	5
Newcastle	0	0	2	1	5	0	2	1	3	6

Philips League team of week

TILSED (3) (Can. City)			
JONES (1) (Marc)	KAMPAS (2) (W.A.H.)	KONDARIOS (1) (J.U.S.T.)	TANSEY (1) (Alex.)
LUTTON (2) (S.M.H.)	STEVENSON (3) (Hak.)	BOYLE (1) (W.A.H.)	
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kent 45th) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Cole 53rd) at Middle Park, Melbourne, crowd abt. 16,000.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
HELLAS: Hansen 7; Pye 6; Kalafetidis 8; Baxter 7; Haggemanouli 7; Lutton 9; Wright 6; Rogers 6; McGuinness 7; Orlerton 6; Kont 8.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 8; McMillan 7; Provan 7; Bannion 6; Tansey 8; Campbell 6; Taylor 7; Tront 6 (O'Reilly 6 half time); Boziskas 6; Cole 7; Buljivic 8.

BRISBANE CITY 0 HAKOAH 3 (Stevenson, Watson, Tokesi own goal) at Perry Park, crowd 2400.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

BRISBANE CITY — Barlow 7, Caldwell 8, Tokesi 7, Perry 8, Lavelle 7, Gaffney 8, Pimblett 8 (Williamson 85th) Echeverria 6 (sent off 90th), Conner 7, Marley 7 (Ibanez 65th), Coyne 7.

Hakoah — Clarke 8, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 7 (Kershaw 77th) Mowbray 7, Stevenson 8, Watson 8, Barnes 8, Campbell 7, Smith 8, Silva 9 (Terry Smith 8).

MARCONI 1 (Byrne penalty) ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 1 (J. Nyskohus) at Marconi Oval. Crowd: 8808.

Ratings by Alex Vasil:
MARCONI: Maher 7, B. Jones 8, P. Dugney 7, J. Russell 7, L. Prskalo 7, G. Byrne 7, R. Vieri 7, J. Rooney 7, A. Mariani 5, (R. Richards 8), P. Sharpe 8, M. Jankovic 7.

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: P. Marshall 7, B. Nyskohus 7, F. Yung 8, Z. Matic 7, F. Lister 7, D. Rigby 7, S. Melta 6, J. Pettin 8, G. Marrochi 7, J. Nyskohus 7, B. Northcote 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3: (Jones, McGregor, Boyle) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 4786.

Players ratings by Meno Toutoulidis:

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Bozanic 7, Reynolds 8, McGachey 8, Kampas 9, Jones 8, Boyle 8, Zervas 6, Norris 6 (Carruthers 7), Honeyman 7, McGregor 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lawnds 6, Potter 6, Hermiston 8, Bennett 7, Niven 6, Neale 6, Speeritt 6 (Laszlo), Lawrie 7, Ogden 6 (Amos), Hughes 6, Morris 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Ainslie, Laing) ST GEORGE 0 at Arlington Oval. Crowd 4629.

Player ratings by John Taylor.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Cross 8, McIntosh 7, Greg Allan 7, Palmer 7, Jamieson 8, Ainslie 7, Markland 7, Don Allen 6, Laing 7, Senkalski 7.

ST GEORGE: Coe 8, Ujesevovic 6, Grosse 8, Harrie 6, Terry 7, Jones 6, Gnavi 7, John O'Shea 5, O'Connor 6, Morgan 6, Hansman 6.

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Byrne, Stoddart) v Newcastle K.B. United 2 (Masov, Drinkwater) Bruce Stadium, Canberra. Crowd 3200.

Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 8, Mouli 7, Milovanovic 6, Henderson 7, Hogg 5, (45th minute), Davies (second half) 6, Brown 6, Heywood 7, Stoddart 8, Byrne 8, Cant 7, Stark 6.

NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED: Dando 7, Willis 7, Curran 7, Summercales 8, Drinkwater 8, Mason 7, Hards 6, Amos 6, Boden 6, Galpin 6, Bellamy 6, Treddinck (second half) 6.

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 at Englefield Stadium. Crowd: 1023.

Ratings by Peter Scott:

WESTERN SUBURBS: Terry Eaton 6, Skellern 6, Wilson 6, Noble 6 (Samuels at half time 6), Turnbull 6, Harding 7, Stone 7, O'Donnell 6, Dodd 8, Clive Eaton 7, Fisher 6.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: O'Hara 6, Hazabent 7, Kriarie 7, Kondarios 8, Lujic 7, Iloski 6, Picloane 6, Martin 6, Palinkas 7, Vasic 8, Nicolaidas 7.

Gaffney leads

Leading averages in the JAT Yugoslav Airlines player of the year award are — 8.2 Gaffney (Bris. City); 8 Perry (Bris. City); Vieri (Marc); Boden (Newc); Lutton (S.M.H.); Kampas (W.A.H.); 7.8 Tilsed (Can); Byrne (Can); Stevenson (Hak); 7.7 Morris (Bris. Lion); 7.6 Palinkas (J.U.S.T.); Meier (Syd Olymp); 7.5 Marley (Bris. City); Hansen (S.M.H.); 7.4 Pimblett (Bris. City); Connor (Bris. City); Russell (Marc); Byrne (Marc); Rooney (Marc); Jankovic (Marc); Jamieson (Syd Olymp); Jones (W.A.H.); McGachey (W.A.H.); 7.3 Nicolaidas (J.U.S.T.); Yung (Ad Juve).

Kritikos maintains his scoring rate



John Kritikos

Polonia won its fourth South Australian Ampol Cup with a 3-0 win over Beograd in a match which clearly demonstrated the difference between "amateurs" and semi professionals.

The match would have been a forgettable event if it had not been for the terrible defence and inept striking power of both clubs, which resulted in plenty of goalmouth spills.

The final certainly had its moments, which other games don't, but most of the action resulted from blunders.

The passing was atrocious, some players belted the ball high into the air hoping it would go to a team mate, while only two or three players tried to be imaginative and creative.

Beograd held the upper hand for a good 20 minutes but tragically for them, they conceded a penalty when John Kritikos, the livewire winger, was upended just outside the area.

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Peter Stanczak took the penalty and Polonia was on their way to victory.

The reserve stung Beograd and they retaliated but despite a torrid few minutes Polonia goalkeeper Howie Jacques arrived.

Moments later ex-Mooroolbark player Wally Bojczuk burst past two defenders but saw his pilerdriver tipped over the bar brilliantly.

Claudio Cadenaro had a golden opportunity to put Polonia further ahead before half time but inexplicably slammed the ball over the bar from 10 metres with the defence in disarray.

Beograd pushed hard for an equaliser in the second half but their central striker Steve Tsanidis left his shooting boots in his locker.

Polonia and Cadenaro eventually got the vital second goal

when he ghosted around a defender, drew out keeper Joe Neubauer and hit a magnificent goal from the tightest of angles.

It was a remarkable effort and the only class moment for the evening.

Beograd refused to go home despite this reverse and went all out to pull one back.

Bojczuk came close with a great 25 metre shot which bounced just wide of the far post in the 24th minute.

Polonia went on the defensive, but five minutes from time, Kritikos scored the goal which earned him a place in the record books.

It was his sixth goal and meant that he scored every round since joining Polonia from West Adelaide on loan early in the competition.

Kritikos scored when he drew out Neubauer and slipped it past him from 12 metres.

Despite West Adelaide fans calling for his return Kritikos would not find the same success in the Phillos League.

Kerr moves forward, Croatia wins

By KYLE PATTERSON

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Culina 38th min., Murphy 77th min.) v PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Hallam, 4th min. 19th min.) A.E.T Croatia won 5-4 on penalties. Ampol Cup final. Crowd 7500.

CROATIA: Petrovski 5, Smart 5, Gardiner 7, Kokoska 6, Bilaver 6, Culina 6 (Vojtek 6, 67th min.), Kerr 7, Andrews 7, Cumming 6, injured (Davidson 7, 73rd min.), Krncevic 5, Murphy 7.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 9, Borch 6, Brewerton 7, Glasson 6, Gladding 7, Glennon 5 (Petrovski, 77th min.), McClymont 7, Lesbirel 6, Hallam 7, McMillan 7, Flaherty 7, injured (Hooper 93rd min.).

This game will go down as one of the most exciting and dramatic finals played in Melbourne.

Makedonia and Croatia, the current giants of State League soccer, both set their sights on winning the Ampol Cup months ago, so this clash was long-awaited and drew over 7000 fanatical fans.

The teams were so evenly matched that after 110 minutes of bruising, bone-crunching soccer the score was still deadlocked.

Makedonia dominated the first hectic 30 minutes of the game, scoring two goals in the process, but saw its lead whittled away by the tireless Croatia.

Then came the penalty showdown.

After nine kicks the score was 4-4, and Croatia had one kick left.

Gary Hooper had missed for Makedonia, blasting his shot over the bar.

However, Croatia still had to put the last shot in, and the crowd was at fever pitch.

Up came John Gardiner, walking casually and looking relaxed, but knowing full well that the Ampol Cup was in his grasp and only one kick away.

He placed the ball and stroiled back 10 paces.

The nearer he got in his approach, the more the tension grew, but within a second it was all over.

Gardiner had slammed the ball of the underside of the crossbar down into the net past the dejected Peter Laumets, and Croatia's supporters were delirious.

Hundreds of Essendon's fans stormed onto the pitch, and the chant "Croatia, Croatia" filled the air.

Croatia retains the Ampol Cup, having won it last season.

It was a fitting end to the 1978 series, but after the game both coaches — John Gardiner of Croatia, and Billy Dumbell of Makedonia — said they would have preferred a replay, rather than decide the game with penalties.

"Victory doesn't feel as good when you win on penalties," said Gardiner.

"It's like losing on the toss of a coin," was Dumbell's comment.

However, if there was a replay there'd be a big chance that a player would get seriously injured.

Some of the tackling in the final wouldn't have passed in a game of Rugby!

The players were so charged up that they would do anything to stop an opponent.

Many teams play it hard, but in the first ½ hour of this game, Olympic Park became a battlefield!

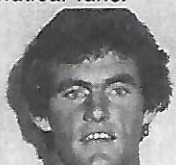
The situation was made worse by the bad refereeing of Jim Brennan.

He didn't book any player and at times lost control of the game.

As a result, players weren't deterred from flying into tackles, and with the surface slippery there was even more risk involved.

Makedonia went into the lead in the fourth minute.

Brian Flaherty was fouled by Croatia full back Grant



Paul Hallam — scored both goals for Makedonia.

Smart on the left, and Flaherty took the free kick.

He floated it deep to Paul Hallam, who jumped unchallenged and nodded the ball past Dima Petrovski.

It was a real set back to John Gardiner's plans.

He had assigned Alan Kerr to shadow Hallam, probably just until Croatia settled down.

Now Croatia was 0-1 down and needed to attack, not defend, if it was to get back into the game.

The early pace was incredible, and it was Croatia which was feeling it most.

It was trying to settle down, but wasn't given the chance by Makedonia.

Billy McClymont looked good in midfield, spearing balls away from the congested midfield to players in space on the flanks.

Gladding, Makedonia's teenage left back, was staying close to Tommy Cumming, and Tom Brewerton followed Eddie Krncevic.

The result of these duels had a big bearing on the match.

Cumming was ineffective for all but 15 minutes of the game, leaving Croatia without its main avenue of attack up front.

However, in fairness to the little winger, he was not given any decent service.

In the air, Krncevic won some good balls, but on the ground Brewerton was too good for him.

Kerr who normally gets through a lot of running, standing a few feet from Gardiner and Steve Kokoska at the back when Croatia was attacking.

With the game still being played at 100 m.p.h., a long diagonal ball was sent for Hallam to chase.

Smart and Ante Bilaver were caught up the field and only Gardiner and Kerr were back for Croatia.

However, Hallam was off like lightning and got away from the two Croatia players.

He was 20 yards out when he shot the ball along the ground past Petrovski to make it 2-0.

Petrovski must take some blame for the goal.

He had hesitated when he saw Hallam coming and was

caught in no man's land.

With 19 minutes gone, Croatia was in trouble, burdened by a two-goal deficit.

Makedonia was playing it tight at the back, and Flaherty consistently beat defenders on the flanks.

Eric Lesbirel and McClymont had the upper hand in midfield, where Croatia missed the drive of Kerr.

The turning point of the game came when Gardiner relieved Kerr of shadowing duties shortly after Hallam had scored.

Kerr, who didn't play well on Hallam, got stuck into the Makedonia players and lifted the Croatia team.

Branko Culina, who hadn't trained the week before because of a thigh injury, nearly pulled one back for Croatia in the 29th minute.

From a free kick 20 yards out, Culina hit a shot that went over the wall of Makedonia players and dipped viciously, bringing a brilliant save from Peter Laumets, who pushed the ball over the bar.

The game was slowing down to a natural pace and the teams were starting to build attacks.

However, Croatia's first goal was made by the graft of the hard-working Kerr.

He came forward with the ball from the midfield, but was faced with a mass of Makedonia defenders on the edge of the 18 yard box.

He decided to go it alone, and successfully barged his way through.

He was inside the box when his first shot was blocked by Laumets, but the ball rebounded back to him.

He headed it goalward with Laumets stranded on the ground, and it was going wide until Culina darted in and put the ball into the net.

The goal brought the Croatia crowd to life, and the game was back on an even keel.

Howard Andrews worked hard in the midfield, and Paul Glasson was doing a good job sweeping up at the back for Makedonia.

Flaherty and Hallam combined well in the eighth minute of the second half and Hallam came close a minute later when he failed to get a foot to a low cross in the six-yard box.

Smart, in attempting to pass the ball back to Petrovski, gave the ball to Hallam, and was lucky the Makedonia forward didn't make more of the opportunity.

Play was end to end during this period which started when Croatia got its first goal and ended when it equalised.

Cumming made his first good run in the 19th minute of the second half, and Croatia was looking the best it had for the whole game.

However, Cumming was



The Ampol Cup final, seen through the camera of SAM BELFONTE.

Pictures from left to right, starting at the top:

● Croatia's Billy Vojtek is chaired off the ground after his fifth victorious final — he also played for the winners in 1968, 71, 72 and 77.

● Young striker Eddy Krncevic, who scored four goals in the semi-final against Albion Leyland, gives the victory salute.

● Alan Davidson is hoisted onto the shoulders of supporters.

surprising move by Gardiner. Substitutes Billy Vojtek and Brian Davidson were both quickly into the play, and were too fast for the tired Makedonia defenders.

In fact, the entire Preston team slowed down, while Croatia kept plugging away.

Ken Murphy, who had a good game, got the equaliser, 13 minutes from the end of normal time.

He cut in from the flank and hit a 20-yard shot past Laumets.

At the end of 90 minutes the scores were still level.

McMillan had a great chance to score in the first half of extra time, but his shot was blocked by Petrovski after he had outrun Gardiner.

Davidson fluffed a shot when well placed at the other end in the second half of extra time.

Andrews had the last chance of the game but his shot was well held by Laumets, who showed form of which he is capable and that has won him a place in the State squad.

So then came the penalties. This is how they went, with Makedonia kicking first: McClymont 1-0, Vojtek 1-1, Brewerton 2-1, Andrews 2-2, Hooper 2-2, Murphy 3-3, Petrovski 3-3, Kerr 3-4, Lesbirel 4-4, Gardiner 4-5.

● Makedonia goalkeeper Peter Laumets makes an acrobatic save in front of Croatia forward Tommy Cumming.

● Davidson rides a tackle by Makedonia's Tom Brewerton.

● Howard Andrews, the former Hellas player now with Croatia, wins a tackle against Tim Gladding.

● Makedonia's Tom Brewerton heads clear under pressure from Croatia's Alan Kerr.

● Croatia's player-coach John Gardiner holds up the 1978 Cup.

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NSW names Cup entrants

The Victorian and NSW State League teams that are to play in the Philips Cup have been chosen.

In Melbourne, the major trophy winners from last season — Croatia (Amol Cup), George Cross (State League champions), Juventus (Docker Cup) and Slavia (State League runners-up) — have gained entry.

In Sydney, Croatia, Auburn, Sutherland and A.P.I.A. are in because they finished in the top four of the Rothmans State League.

The 12 SA State League clubs are battling it out in a knock-out competition to find the three top clubs that will play in the national tournament.

The final games will be played on Anzac Day, April 25.

The N.S.W. Soccer Federation is still not happy with arrangements for the draw and the prizemoney, but the problems are expected to be solved without much fuss.

Teams that have entered so far

SYDNEY — Marconi, Eastern Suburbs Hakoah, Western Suburbs, St. George, Sydney Olympic, Croatia, Auburn, A.P.I.A. and Sutherland.

MELBOURNE — Hellas, Alexander, Footscray J.U.S.T., Croatia, George Cross, Juventus and Slavia.

ADELAIDE — Hellas, Juventus, rest to be decided.

BRISBANE — Lions, Brisbane City, St. George Souths, Southside Eagles, Annersley.

NORTHERN N.S.W. — Newcastle Utd, Western Bears.

CANBERRA — Canberra City, West Woden Juventus.

PERTH — Tricolore.

Ajax a giant with Mc Kay

Victorian State soccer coach Duncan McKay was appointed coach of State League club Green Gully Ajax last week.

His first move was to call for more players. He said players who thought they could make the grade should ring him on 88 6582 (home).

McKay, who lives in the eastern suburbs, said he was prepared to make the 60-mile round trip to St. Albans-based Ajax three times a week because he believes the club has more potential than any other.

McKay was appointed State coach four weeks ago for Victoria's game against Derby County of England on May 2 and possible games against Bobby Charlton's All-Stars and Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia.

One of the most distinguished footballers to come to Australia, McKay played 13 international matches for Scotland and more than 200 games for Glasgow Celtic.

He played for the Croatia team that won the 1968 Amol Cup, State League championship and Docker Cup.

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Croatia sacked him early this season because officials did not agree with his team selections.

Ajax had been wooing McKay for three weeks. He had a look at the team at a training session, following which he chose centre backs Peter Donaldson and John Patton for the State squad.

Ajax recently signed forward David Perkin from England and midfielder Ian McCarthy from Sunshine City, and is expecting a striker to arrive soon from English club Leicester City.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Schoolboys to tour Europe

A Northern NSW schoolboys squad will soon go on a nine week tour of England and Europe.

They will play 32 matches and spend five weeks in West Germany, and also visit Holland, Belgium, Austria and Switzerland.

Cost of the tour is \$54,000 and each of the boys will pay \$1000.

Coach is Lee Holland and manager Jim Paterson.

Five of the squad are from the Soccer-sporting Newcastle area — goalkeeper Clinton Jenkins, strikers Grant Shuck and Mark Peppercall, midfielder Peter Bull and right-back Neil Anderson.

The captain, Brendan Buckett (centre back) Glen Hart (goalkeeper) and Phillip Hicks (left back) are from Lismore.

Warren Davies (vice captain and midfielder), John Macquarie (midfield) and Matthew Godsell (striker) come from Lake Macquarie.

Michael Shorter, a midfielder, comes from Armidale, and Anthony Dobson (midfield), Anthony Baker (right back) and Peter Dick (striker) come from Tamworth.

CANBERRA — Canberra City, West Woden Juventus.

PERTH — Tricolore.

Bayside league

The growth of junior soccer in the Mornington Peninsula (Vic.) area has outgrown the amount of players senior clubs can take under their wing. As a result many juniors found themselves without a club and retired from the sport.

Enterprising officials, realising the problem, came up with the Bayside Soccer League designed to promote soccer and cater for the younger players.

Seaford, a junior club, already has had benefit from entering the league as a senior side.

The players who left the club at 16 are now returning as seniors and a squad of 2 is set to see Seaford attempt to win the first championship.

Eight teams contest the first season — Carrum (a new club), Frankston City 3rds, Hastings (new to senior soccer), Karingal 3rds, Navy, Hovevoo 3rds, Seaford and Skye, another new club.

Sunday, April 9, heralds the opening round of matches, all the games being played on Sunday mornings.

This week's games: Seaford v Frankston City — North Seaford Reserve, Navy v Hastings — Cerberus, Rosebud v Skye — Olympic Park; Carrum v Karingal — North Seaford Reserve.

Hellas to tackle J.U.S.T. Sunday

South Melbourne Hellas and Fitzroy Alexander both face crucial matches this week after their hard-fought 1-1 draw in front of 16,000 people at Middle Park last Sunday.

Hellas confronts Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park on Sunday, and Alexander meets West Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park on Saturday.

If Hellas wins and if Hakoah-East's beats Marconi in Sydney, all three of these teams will have nine points at the top of the ladder. Western Suburbs may also have nine points, for they should beat Brisbane City at home.

Alexander, meanwhile, is worried more about getting away from the bottom of the ladder. It would do so with a victory over West Adelaide.

However, both South Melbourne and Alexander will find it hard to win.

Although they turned on an entertaining match for the large crowd last Sunday, neither of them showed particularly good form.

Certainly Alexander was much tighter in defence, and goalkeeper Peter Blasby made many good saves, but there was lack of danger from the midfield and build-ups were still slow.

The explosiveness of last season is still missing.

Hellas also fell down in midfield, where Bertie Lutton was the only one of the trio in top flight.

And right back Mike Pye — usually a reliable avenue to goal — was thwarted in his attempted raids by the marking of Jim Campbell.

Hellas played without Duncan Cummings who was apparently still injured, and although Bobby McGuinness proved an excellent replacement, Hellas nevertheless missed Cummings' speedy assaults.

The players who did impress me was Lutton who, together with Jimmy Rooney, Roberto Vieri, Joe Picciano, and John Stevenson, is among the aristocracy of midfielders.

Chris Kalafatis had yet another sound game at centre back, and I thought Margaritis Hage-manoull gave it all he had against his difficult opponent, Andrew Bozikas.

Left back Jim Tansey was among Alexander's finest players. He is back at his very best after a disappointing run last season.

Arthur McMillan on the other side also improved dramatically on previous showings. He suddenly had more confidence — confidence that was boosted even more when he cleared a hook shot by McGuinness off the line to save Alexander's hide.

Up front Branko Buljevic created all the moves — including the one that resulted in the equalising goal by Gary Cole.

And Blasby also deserves a pat on the back. He had been shaky in a few of the previous games, but there's no doubt that without his saves, Alexander would not have drawn with Hellas.

The match was preceded by American-style raz-zamattazz featuring pop singers, a parade of junior players and the kick-off by Greek singer Nick Xanthopoulos.

Alexander has in recent games started like a whirlwind, and so it was against Hellas.

Ken Taylor shot narrowly wide, Bozikas got through twice and Campbell had a powerful shot saved one-handed by brilliant Hellas goalkeeper John Hansen.

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Chris Kent in the 20th minute.

Buljevic and Cole started to re-establish the dangerous partnership that terrorised defences last season. Their first combination came after Buljevic had initiated a move. The ball was then relayed to Taylor but Kalafatis saved what could have been a goal by intercepting Taylor's shot.

Lutton started picking up the ball with monotonous regularity simply by standing in front of Alexander's defence to collect the clearances.

With Hellas getting on top, Peter Ollerton had a header saved by Blasby and saw another fall over the bar. Blasby saved again, this time from Stuart Baxter, after a telling pass from Pye.

Blasby had quite a few knocks during the game. In one incident just before half time, Peter Ollerton was shown the yellow card by referee Nick Karlich for charging Blasby.

Hellas went ahead only 15 seconds after the interval. From the kick-off, the ball went to McGuinness who neid it in the middle, waiting for Chris Kent who was making a run on the left. When Kent got into the right position, McGuinness speared the ball forward and Kent slipped it just inside the post.

At half time, Alexander coach Tony Boggi had replaced midfielder Joe Tront with centre back Jim O'Reilly, enabling Pat Bannon to move from defence to midfield.

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the move, Bannon headed wide after a cross by McMillan.

O'Reilly had been on the field for less than five minutes when he was shown the yellow card by Karlich for dissent.

In the 53rd minute Buljevic found Cole with a brilliant pass speared between two defenders. Cole side-stepped Stuart Baxter and smashed the ball into the net for the equaliser.

Blasby prevented Hellas from re-establishing its lead when he came off his line to smother a shot from McGuinness who had broken away from the defence.

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Hakoah shows form of a champion

By Bruce Waddell

League champion Hakoah — Eastern Suburbs displayed its class in wet conditions when it over-ran Brisbane City 3-0 at Perry Park in Brisbane, ending City's unbeaten run at home.

The match, played in almost non-stop rain and on an extremely soggy pitch, produced the spectacle of countless passes stopping dead in puddles and players sliding metres after missing tackles.

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Wests 0 J.U.S.T. 0
By Peter Scott

A car accident further weakened an already under-strength Footscray JUST for its match against Western Suburbs at Englefield Stadium, but the Victorian visitors still almost managed to snatch both points.

Livewire Australian international Mendo Ristved was hurt when hit by a car in Footscray on the eve of the game (see page one) and referee JUST officials also had to do without the services of Andy Kazi.

Kazi also fell victim to the ubiquitous horse-drawn carriage, when his car rolled and hit him while the tough defender was carrying out repairs on it.

Add to the list Parrott and Rujevic, both sidelined with injuries, and one could begin to understand why JUST would have been more than satisfied with a draw against unbeaten Western Suburbs.

It is now past history that JUST could just as well have snatched both points, if only they were a little more adventurous after the early Wests onslaught.

The Blues' defence held its hands full in the opening stanza as the eager beaver home strikers swarmed all over them, aided by the skilful prompting and grafting of Brian O'Donnell and Dave Harding.

Dodd let go with a plevier from about 18 metres in the ninth minute which hit the bar, but at full stretch to push past the right.

The affair developed into a deadly bore, which had the very crowd dozing off in the warm autumn sunshine.

The home side insisted on trying to crack open the JUST defence with an interminable and highly predictable series of jobs into the penalty area.

There was some hilarity in the 25th minute when O'Donnell sent in a corner kick which landed in the net, with Wests players jubilantly claiming a goal.

However, Tony Boskovic was on the spot and noticed that the "goal" was scored through a hole in the side-netting.

JUST, ever at this fairly early stage, started probing away at Wests' defence, mainly through a medium of the prodigious speed of winger Joe Palinkas.

After the break the JUST defence visibly grew in stature and confidence, with Kiriaki and Kenderias asserting their authority in front of goal, and Igor Hasezab and Zvezko Lujic managing to set up good attacking combinations.

In the 68th minute Wests hearts beat faster again as an outside goal was disallowed, but then JUST came into its own.

Joe Pileas let go with a sharply angled, long, speculative shot from the right wing that had veteran goalie Terry Eaton at his wits' end — it only missed by the barest of margins.

Two minutes later, in the 71st, Dregan Vasec, suddenly bubbled up in the penalty area to create panic in the home defence.

Absolutely on his own, Vasec somehow managed to miss the goal by about five metres when he was no more than 10 steps in front. This was the biggest alter of the game, but not the only one, to go begging.

Mike O'Hara was tested on a couple of occasions by a suddenly jittered Wests, but then it was the rejuvenated Vasec in the centre of things once again.

In the 78th minute he did everything right, but his sharp drive was somehow deflected by the advancing Eaton.

Wests' performance was for long stretches of time primitive and boring and as for the much belated promotion to the top, they were picked up by their coach Mike Laing on a recent trip to the United States, the results are still to become apparent.

A banner at the ground proudly proclaimed "Wests are alive and kicking" but they could have fooled most of us who made the trek to Dural.

It is also distasteful that a prominent, bearded and bannered section of their tiny following seems to favor a form of barracking which concentrates almost exclusively on the ethnic origins of opposition players and fans.

They have been carrying on in this vein for several seasons now and are a disgrace to the club.

Wills back Juve, Hellas

Adelaide City Juventus and West Adelaide Hellas have signed a combined sponsorship deal that will net \$35,000 for the two clubs.

The clubs have a five-year contract with sponsor W.D. & H.O. Wills.

As part of the deal, the clubs will play annually for the Wills Escort Cup, with \$3,500 going to the winner and \$1,500 to the loser.

The teams will play home and away legs, with the winner being decided on aggregate score.

The Juventus-Hellas Phillips League clash at Olympic Sports Field May 28, may double as the first leg of the Wills Escort Cup, but the second leg will be played as a separate fixture.

Closed circuit television will be installed at the Olympic Sports Field as part of the sponsorship.

W.D. & H.O. Wills backed the South Australian State League, but following a change in the S.A. Soccer Federation's sponsorship plans, turned to the P.S.L.

Marshall had an opportunity to show his skills. Marshall fingerpopped the ball away for a corner.

Richards worried City's defence in the 68th minute, then again in the 72nd.

First he tried another long shot, but Marshall saved, then six minutes later latched on to a beautiful free kick by Jimmy Retevay, best Lister and goalkeeper Marshall in the air, but his header sailed over the bar.

In the mean time, Gary Marocchi would have scored for City, but he hesitated giving Barry Jones the time to recover and push the ball away for a corner.

In the end Marocchi failed to beat the team that took all four points from their two encounters of last year, and also failed to produce the brand of soccer we have become accustomed to seeing from them.

However it was all he could do, for Adelaide City played well enough and fought enough not to let Adelaide's goal mouth be the freedom of the park.

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Kampas, Boyle come the Lions

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

West Adelaide Hellas, ignited by the brilliance of Peter Boyle and Con Kampas, strode to a thumping 3-0 win over Brisbane Lions.

West Adelaide dominated the match from the start and as a measure of its superiority could have had a three-goal lead before half time.

Lions, already beaten 5-1 and 4-1 by Wests last season, was saved from a first half hammering by its athletic goalkeeper Nigel Lownds.

Lownds stood firm against a barrage of shots, while his opposite number, Martyn Crook, spent most of the first half plucking easy shots out of the air.

While Lownds was majestic in the first half there was little he could do to prevent any of the three second half goals.

In probably its finest 45 minutes ever in the Phillips League, West Adelaide ruthlessly tore apart Lions with some intelligent running and several first class attacking moves.

Wests' three stars were Kampas, defender David Jones and dynamic midfielder Boyle.

However it was Kampas, full of power and energy, who was the undoubted star of the afternoon.

He not only formed a formidable double pillar in defence with Jones, but initiated several crisp attacking moves.

Kampas, who had pace, creativity and invention, has had a profound effect on his colleagues. Jones, Victor Boskovic and Barry Reynolds had their best games of the season and are oozing with confidence.

Boskovic, in particular, is finally showing his undoubted class, and if he can release his enormous potential, he will figure prominently in the future.

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After a four struggle Marconi and Adelaide City Juventus came off the pitch with a point each.

The 1-1 score may not reflect the number of scoring opportunities the teams had during the game but it certainly is the true indication of the equal class displayed by the two teams.

Marconi held territorial advantage throughout the game, while Adelaide City defended skilfully often, breaking into threatening attacks.

Early in the game Roberto Vieri found Mark Jankovic with a short pass. A quick turn and Jankovic was around Frank Lister.

The youngster sent his fullback Paul Degney running along the touch line with a fine pass that exposed City's defence. Degney crossed, Marshall failed to hold the ball and Bertie Mariani blasted the ball over the bar from ten metres.

In the 20th minute later, Allan Maher who saved Marconi, holding a blistering left foot drive by John Perin from almost 30 metres.

A minute later Marconi was on the attack again. Vieri to Sharpe, a cross to Jankovic who tried, under pressure from Lister, to "shoot" the ball into the net, but Marshall saved.

Marconi's Ivo Prskalo made an error in the 30th minute that could have given the visiting team its first goal.

Sergio Melita picked up a badly directed pass by Prskalo and raced towards Maher. Melita's shot was blocked by Maher then cleared by John Russell.

With five minutes to go before half time, Mariani attempted to push the ball back to his goalkeeper from almost 40 metres. John Nyakhusa intercepted and easily beat Maher for the opening goal of the game.

Mariani made amends for his error only four minutes later.

Vieri was fouled by Melita close to the touchline and only five metres inside City's goal. He took the free kick, but it was deflected by the keeper, Prskalo chipped the ball to Mariani at the far post and the youngster headed the ball across the penalty area to Jankovic.

Peter Marshall took a part in the proceedings by palming the ball back to Melita, giving Marconi's striker an ideal opportunity to score.

However, one of the defenders pulled Mariani by the arm, giving away a penalty. Referee Peter Rampey hesitated before giving his decision, but finally pointed to the spot, much to the dismay of the City players. Byrne wrong-footed Marshall and scored an easy goal.

Ray Richards made a welcome comeback for Marconi in the second half, and quickly made his presence felt.

Almost from the kick off, Richards shot from well out, giving Vieri a chance to score.

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Marshall had an opportunity to show his skills. Marshall fingerpopped the ball away for a corner.

Richards worried City's defence in the 68th minute, then again in the 72nd.

First he tried another long shot, but Marshall saved, then six minutes later latched on to a beautiful free kick by Jimmy Retevay, best Lister and goalkeeper Marshall in the air, but his header sailed over the bar.

In the mean time, Gary Marocchi would have scored for City, but he hesitated giving Barry Jones the time to recover and push the ball away for a corner.

In the end Marocchi failed to beat the team that took all four points from their two encounters of last year, and also failed to produce the brand of soccer we have become accustomed to seeing from them.

However it was all he could do, for Adelaide City played well enough and fought enough not to let Adelaide's goal mouth be the freedom of the park.

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Olympic 2 St. G. 0

First half attacking.

Nav Morgan was slow to move and was continually beaten in the air by Olympic's David McIntosh.

Why wasn't he taken off?

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CROATIA, MAKEDONIA TO RULE STATE

KYLE PATTERSON previews the opening round of the Victorian State League season.

The Victorian State League starts this week and, after going through a transitional period last year, an exciting season lies ahead.

The advent of the Phillips League took a lot of glamor and interest out of the State League, but if this season's Ampol Cup is any guide, then the local scene is recovering.

The competition will be more even this year. The four teams that came up from the Metropolitan League at the start of last season — Frankston, Green Gully, Altona and Essendon Croatia — are now fully established as State League clubs.

George Cross, runaway winner of the championship last season, may not be in the race this time. I think Croatia and Makedonia will battle it out at the top. At the bottom, the struggle to avoid relegation will be just as tight.

There will not be any one club glued to the bottom as Polonia was last season, but Altona, Ringwood and Sunshine may be the leading candidates for the drop.

HAKOAH v. MAKEDONIA

Middle Park, Sunday

After a poor showing in the Ampol Cup, Hakoah has made a tremendous improvement over the past two weeks, mainly because of the return of 1977 Rothmans Medalist David Baker.

Makedonia, strengthened by new coach Bill Dumbell's imports, has emerged as one of the big boys of the State League.

It will win the midfield battle in this game but Hakoah has a strong defence that will be hard to crack.

Bill Jordanou, Mike Rainey and Baker may be able to contain Makedonia's George McMillan and Paul Hallam up front, but they will have to watch out for Eric Leebrel, Bill McClymont and Chris Gleeson, who have the knack of scoring goals as midfielders.

Hakoah lacks bite up front and in the midfield, so success in this game will depend on how well its defence plays.

OUR TIP — Preston.

CROATIA v. GEORGE CROSS

Olympic Park, Friday night, 7.30 pm.

This will be a hard fought game, as was the Ampol Cup match early this season between the two sides. Tommy Cumming is playing brilliantly at the moment and if the George defence doesn't mark him closely, he will run riot.

George's John Webb and Norm Maitland will have to



George Cross midfielder Phil Cutajar (right), the biggest improver in the league, is tackled by Frank Thompson of Slavia.



George McMillan (No. 9) is congratulated by team mate Tom Brewerton after scoring a goal for Makedonia in the Ampol Cup. At right is Paul Hallam and No. 6 is Dave



Dave Baker (centre) has returned to bolster Hakoah's defence. At left is Juventus' Claude Lucchesi, who is also back in the league after a dispute with his club. Goalkeeper Mike O'Hara (right) is now with Footscray J.U.S.T.

keep an eye on Eddie Krncevic, who is the target man Croatia looks for.

Ken Reed has been below his best recently, but give him half a chance and he will score.

Paul Murphy has a hard task in the midfield against Alan Kerr and Branko Culina, who do a lot of running, so Croatia has the edge in the middle of the park. The recent unrest of George Cross will not help the players.

Lou Kastner, who has quit, will be sorely missed in goal as George has no adequate cover for him.

Overall, Croatia has a well-balanced team and is in form at the moment.

OUR TIP — Croatia.

ALTONA v. GREEN GULLY

Kim Reserve, Sunday.

Green Gully has lost Nick Cook, but has picked up Ian McCarthy from Sunshine in an exchange deal.

With McCarthy, Gully has an impressive midfield lineup.

Willie Vassallo and Les Thomson are playing well as linkmen and they will give good service to Andy Segi and David Perkin up front.

Altona, on the other hand, has problems. Coach Joe Wilson used the Ampol Cup to slowly build up his team but Altona had injury problems and showed little improvement.

Altona is hoping that Alby Brown will return to bolster the team in that department, but until he does Alan Davidson and Keith Ackers will have to improve if Altona is to avoid humiliation.

Peter Donaldson and John Patten will keep things tight at the back for Gully and Lou Denys is probably the best goalkeeper in the league.

OUR TIP — Green Gully.

SLAVIA v. JUVENTUS

Showgrounds, Sunday.

Both these teams have had coaching troubles, but Slavia looks more settled than Juve.

Slavia must start favorite, even though it will be without star centre back Jim Symington, who wants a transfer.

Steve Bonnie has been going like a bomb in midfield lately, as has the tireless Jim Train.

Juventus will be in trouble if Jim Paton and Jim Williams get going on the wings.

These two set up countless opportunities if given the room, and powerful Carl Gilder will be on hand to finish off any good moves.

Steve Walker and Uli Pfisterer are reliable as ever at the back for Juve and Jim Armstrong is getting back into goalscoring mood.

However, apart from these two, Mick Watkins is the only other Juve player who poses a threat to Slavia. Tony Curcio could also be dangerous if switched to the wing, where he played at Altona.

OUR TIP — Slavia.

SUNSHINE v. FRANKSTON

Anderson Road, Sunday

Frankston is finally putting it together and will have too many big guns for Sunshine.

Jed and Vince Bannon are shining for the Bayside club and Sandy Irvine is solid as a rock in defence.

Sunshine has lost Ian McCarthy, and Jim McRobert and Peter Lewis aren't happy, which dampens City's hopes.

Frankston's trouble is that it lacks a top forward. Gordon MacGregor hasn't been setting the world on fire since his transfer to Frankston from Mooroolbark, leaving the goalscoring to midfielder Jed Bannon and Keith Webster.

dRay Pocock is a threat to the Frankston defence, and George Nierobiaz has the skill to walk around defenders but Frankston's back four play it hard and move in fast on attackers who dwell on the ball.

Sunshine's defence is reasonably tight, so Frankston may have to settle for a one-goal win.

OUR TIP — Frankston.

RINGWOOD v. ALBION LEYLAND

Jubilee Park, Sunday

Ringwood coach Fred Bunce would be well advised to play for a draw in this game.

Albion's striking duo Noel Mitten and Bill McCormack will be in a lethal mood, wanting to notch the club's first victory in the State League after being promoted last season.

Kit Greechan is playing really well in midfield and is doing a lot of attacking, as is the talented Mick D'Silva.

John Luyton is dependable at centre back, but Ringwood's other defenders are inconsistent.

However, Reno Lia, on loan from South Melbourne Hellas, will boost the Ringwood midfield.

John O'Callaghan and Brian Thom are Ringwood's main goalscoring hopes, but George Malkoulis should be able to contain them.

OUR TIP — Albion.

OUT TIP FOR THE FINAL LADDER —

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Green Gully's new star David Perkin.

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v/s



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How they got there

Spain's qualifying games:

10.10.76 in Seville:
SPAIN 1 (Pirri penalty)
YUGOSLAVIA 0.

Spain: Miguel Angel, Capon, Cortabarría, Miguell, Camacho, Villar, Pirri, Del Bosque, Quini, Santillana, Churrua, subs: Juanito for Del Bosque, Rojo for Churrua.

Yugoslavia: Svlar, Muzinic, Katalinski, Peruzovic, Hadziabdic, Jerkovic, Oblak, Bogicevic, Zungul, Popivoda, Surjak, subs: Filipovic for Zungul.

16.4.77 in Bucharest: **ROMANIA 1 SPAIN 0.**

Spain: Arconada, Benitez (Marcelino), Miguell, Pirri, Camacho, Leal, Churrua (Satrustegui), Asensi, Juanito, Cano, Dani.

Romania: Cristian, Cheran, Sames, Sarmareanu, Vigu, Dumitru, Balaci (Tilhoi), Boloni, Iordanescu (Robila), Crisan, Georgescu.

30.11.77 in Belgrade: **YUGOSLAVIA 0 SPAIN 1** (Cano).

Other results: Yugoslavia 0 Rumania 2, Rumania 4 Yugoslavia 6.

Final standings:
W O L T A P
Spain 3 0 1 4 1 6
Romania 2 0 2 7 5 4
Yugoslavia 1 0 2 6 8 2

Practice form

Some of Spain's results in practice games:

January, 1977 in Madrid.

SPAIN 2 (Pirri penalty, Dani) **ITALY 1** (Tardelli).

Spain: Arconada, Marcelino, Miguell, Pirri (Olmo), Caretta, Leal, Asensi (Villari), Cardenas, Dani, Cano (Santillana), Lopez Ufarte.

Italy: Paolo Conti (Bardoni), Scirea, Gentile, Manfredonia (Bellugi), Maledra, Patrizio Sala, Tardelli, Antongoni (Zaccarelli), Claudio Sala, Rossi, Pulici.

September, 1977 in Alecante.

SPAIN 1 (Juanito) **HUNGARY 1** (Pusztai).

Spain: Miguel Angel (Arconada half time), Capon, Benito, Pirri (Cortabarría half time), Camacho, Villar, Del Bosque, Churrua, Juanito, Satrustegui (Solsona half time), Rojo (Maranon).

Hungary: Gujdar, Torok, Balint, Kerek, Toth, Zombori, Pinter, Nyilasi (Nagy 63rd), Fazekas, Kovacs (Pusztai 57th), Varadi.



Spanish national coach Ladislao Kubala — he played for the national teams of Hungary, Spain and Czechoslovakia.

Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year:

GROUP ONE

Argentina
Italy
Hungary
France

GROUP TWO

West Germany
Poland
Mexico
Tunisia

GROUP THREE

Brazil
Sweden
Austria
Spain

GROUP FOUR

Holland
Scotland
Iran
Peru

QUEST FOR NEW ZAMORA, GENTO OR DI STEFANO

From JOSE AGUILLAR in Madrid



The Belgrade bloodbath which it won 1-0 against Yugoslavia thanks to a goal by Ruben Cano, has put Spain into the World Cup finals for the first time since 1966.

It was Yugoslavia which qualified ahead of Spain in 1973 and the honor went to Belgium in 1969.

Only once has Spain advanced past the first round of the finals. That was in Brazil in 1950, after first-round victories against USA (3-1), Chile (2-0), and England (1-0). However, Spain failed miserably in the second round, losing 1-6 to Brazil and 1-3 to Sweden and drawing 2-2 with Hungary.

This time the Spaniards are determined to achieve their greatest World Cup successes yet, for they see little opposition in Group Three, in which they have been drawn.

Brazil may be a major power, but the Spaniards believe they play much faster and more incisively than Brazil, and that their physical toughness will put Brazil off its game.

The other two group members, Sweden and Austria have done well to qualify but neither is quite in the class of Spain, whose players operate in a league where winning is a fanatical obsession fanned by the lure of the big peso.

To the Spanish public, the World Cup finals represent not only a quest for international glory, but also a stage upon which new stars will be born. The Spanish need their football stars, the same way in which the Americans need their screen idols.

Of course the players will be no better and no worse for having appeared in Argentina but if they do something special there, they are sure to be promoted into national heroes.

The men with the greatest star potential are Ruben Cano, the 25-year-old Athletic striker; Miguell (known as "Tarzan"), the 23-year-old central defender of Barcelona, and Juanito, the 22-year-old outside right who has become the successor to retired Amancio at Real Madrid.

Spain is looking to each of these men to develop into a new idol to replace

the champions of the past — di Stefano, Suarez, Gento, Zamora, Puskas, Del Sol and, of course, Amancio.

The greatest of them all was the goalkeeper, Ricardo Zamora, known as "The Divine One".

His club, Espanol, was league runner-up in 1916-17, champion in 1917-18 and runner-up in 1918-19. In those three seasons, Zamora allowed only 10 goals to be scored against his team.

He played his first international match in the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp where Spain won the silver medal.



Ricardo Zamora, the legendary Spanish goalkeeper, at the age of 76.

From then until 1936 Zamora participated in 46 games with the national team — including the 1934 World Cup finals in Italy. With Zamora in the net, Spain won 31 games, drew seven and lost only eight.

On May 15, 1923, England lost its first game on the Continent (3-4 to Spain in Madrid) due to the great performance of Zamora.

Two films were made about the man — "Ricardo Zamora Gets Married at Last" and "Champions".

From Espanol, Zamora went to Barcelona but returned to Espanol in 1922. In those days they paid him \$75 a year and about \$20 a month.

On Espanol's triumphant 1926 tour of South America, it lost a match to Nacional de Montevideo of Uruguay. Nacional forward Pien-dineni was given a house for scoring against Zamora.

In 1930 Espanol was in serious financial trouble, so it sold Zamora to Real Madrid for what was then the record sum of \$1300. He finally retired in 1936, after leading Real Madrid to the Spanish championship.



Looking uncomfortable with a bouquet of flowers, Ricardo Zamora poses for the camera before a game for Real Madrid against his old club, Barcelona. Zamora, the greatest goalkeeper Spain has had, was known as "The Divine One".

In 1964, the great USSR goalkeeper Lev Yashin met Zamora for the first time in Barcelona. Face to face with the legendary Spaniard, Yashin said: "Ever since I was a boy, I've had dreams of meeting you and coming to Barcelona just to give you a hug of friendship". The two great goalkeepers embraced and the Soviet player asked Zamora whether he would permit him to kiss him on the cheek — a European custom of great respect.

If anyone can rival the reputation Zamora had in Spain, it is Alfredo Stefano Di Stefano, now 51, who became a soccer multi-millionaire, was widely known as the greatest centre forward or midfielder in the world.

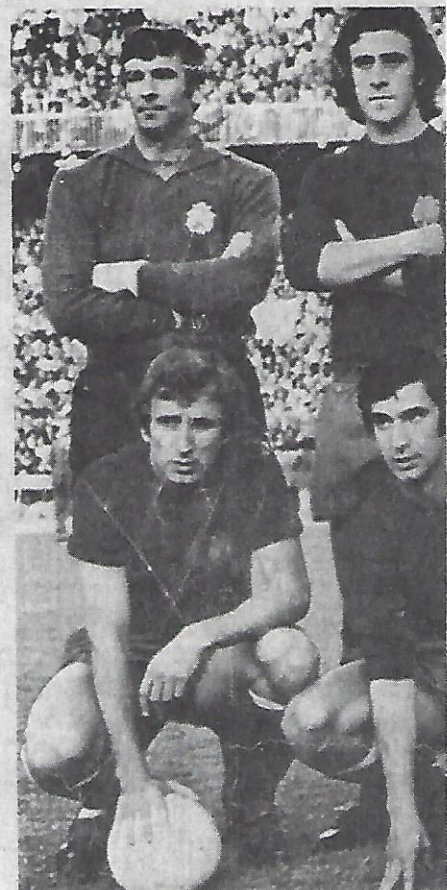
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Ferenc Puskas, the Hungarian who played for Real Madrid and Spain, said recently while talking about the Dutch champion Johan Cruyff: "Cruyff isn't in the same class as Di Stefano although, compared with most of today's players, he looks good."

From 1945 to 1968 Di Stefano played 1180 games and scored 845 goals.

He played for Huracan Buenos Aires (45 games, 29 goals); River Plate Buenos Aires (66/50); Millonarios de Bogota (290/260); Real Madrid (624/405); Argentina (6/6); Colombia (4/7); Spain (31/23); European Cup games for Real Madrid (60/49); Espanol Barcelona (46/11) and AC Elche (8/5).

He was captain of the World Eleven in 1963 in



One version of the Spanish national team, a del Bosque, Benito, Camacho, Capon, Pirri. Fro tillana, Velazquez, Rojo. Notable absentees Juanito, Arconada, Leal, Miguel, Angel, Asensi.



Luis Suarez hangs his head in despair as Spain goes down 1-2 to Argentina in the 1966 finals in England. Suarez transferred from Barcelona to Inter Milan of Italy for about \$300,000.

London, European Footballer of the Year in 1957 and 1960; member of the Real Madrid team that won the European Cup from 1956 to 1960 inclusive; top scorer in the European Cup in 1958 and 1962, 10 times top scorer in Argentina, Colombia and Spain.

Like Puskas, his Real Madrid team mate, Di Stefano became a coach when he retired. Puskas, by the way, scored 380 goals with Real Madrid in official games.

The longest-serving player in Spain's current squad is captain Pirri of Real Madrid, a veteran of the 1966 finals in England. His big-name team mates in England included Gento, Suarez, Del Sol, Amancio and goalkeeper Iribar, but Spain was beaten 2-1 by both Argentina and West Germany.

Spain's coach Ladislao Kubala, who played for Hungary, Spain and Czechoslovakia, said in a recent interview that the large number of foreigners in the Spanish

league made it difficult to pick a good national team. "At the moment there are about 100 foreign players in Spain's 18-club First Division," he said. "A lot of clubs have imported strikers, so when I come to look for goalscorers there aren't many to choose from."

Indeed, Ruben Cano, who scored the winning goal against Yugoslavia in Belgrade, is himself a foreigner. He was in Argentina's national squad for the 1974 World Cup finals.

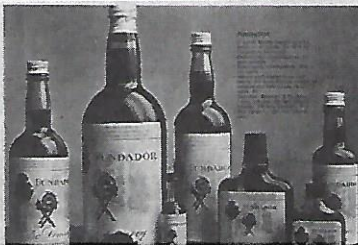
"However, the clubs have co-operated with the national team by agreeing to restrict the number of foreign players as from the 1978-79 season," Kubala said.

"Each club will be able to field only two players who aren't eligible for the national side. This will mean that there'll be at least 162 genuine Spaniards playing regularly in the First Division and that will give us a chance to build a good

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Unbeaten but failed in '74

Spain's previous World Cup appearances:

1930 (in Uruguay): Did not compete.

1934 (in Italy): qualifying games: v Portugal 9-0, 2-1; first round of finals: v Brazil 3-1; v Italy 1-1 aet, 0-1.

In finals, Spain used: Nogues, Zabala, Quincoces, Cillaurren, Muguerza, Lecue, Vantolra, Regueiro, Campanal, Chacho, Bosch, Zamora, Cliraco, Fede, Lafuente, Iraragorri, Langara, Gorostiza, Marculetta.

Langara (2) and Iraragorri scored against Brazil, Regueiro scored against Italy.

1938 (in France): Did not compete.

1950 (in Brazil): qualifying games: v Portugal 5-1, 2-2; Group two of finals: v USA 3-1, v Chile 2-0, v England 1-0; Final Round: v Uruguay 2-2, v Brazil 1-6, v Sweden 1-3.

In finals, Spain used: Elizaguirre, Asensi, Alonso, Silva, Parray, Puchades, Basora, Hernandez, Zarra, Panizo, Juncosa, Ramallets, Gonzalvo 11, Gonzalvo 111, Igoa, Gainza, Molowny, Antunez.

Goalscorers: v USA, Basora 2, Zarra, v Chile, Basora, Zarra, v England, Zarra, v Uruguay, Basora 2, v Brazil, Igoa, v Sweden, Zarra.

1954 (in Switzerland), qualifying games: v Turkey 4-1, 0-1, tiebreaker 2-2, Turkey qualifying on toss of coin.

1958 (in Sweden),

qualifying games: v Wales 2-1, 1-1, v Scotland 2-4, 4-1, failed to qualify.

1962 (in Chile), qualifying games: v Czechoslovakia 0-1, v Mexico 1-0, v Brazil 1-2.

Spain used: Araquistain, F. Rodriguez, Echeberria, Gracia, Verges, Pachin, Collar, Adelardo, Rodriguez, Puskas, Peiro, Gento, Carmelo, Sedrun, Santamaria, Del Sol, Suarez, Rivilla, Reija, Segarra, Garay, Martinez.

Scorer: v Brazil, Rodriguez.

1966 (in England), qualifying games: v Eire 0-1, 4-1 tiebreaker 1-0; Group Two of finals: v Argentina 1-2, v Switzerland 2-1, v West Germany 1-2.

In finals, Spain used: Iribar, Sanchis, Reija, Pirri, Gallego, Zoco, Amancio, Del Sol, Peiro, Suarez, Gento, Eladio, Ufarte, Glaria, Fuste, Adelardo, Marcelino, Lapetra.

Scorers: v Argentina, Pirri; v Switzerland, Sanchis, Amancio; v West Germany, Fuste.

1970 (in Mexico): qualifying games: v Yugoslavia 0-0, 2-1, v Belgium 1-1, 1-2; v Finland 0-2, 6-0, failed to qualify.

1974 (in West Germany): qualifying games: v Yugoslavia 0-0, v Greece 3-2, 3-1, failed to qualify.



From left: Iribar, Rexach, Garate, Sanluis, Cano, Migueli, and Dani.

side for the 1982 World Cup, which of course will be held in Spain.

Another problem faced by the Spanish national team is lack of matches. In 1976, for example, the team played only three times, because clubs are so heavily committed in European competition that they are reluctant to release their players.

Kubala said after the 1-0 victory over Yugoslavia: "It is due to the character and the determination of the players that we succeeded. Don't give me any bouquets for it. Just let me work in peace and get on with my job. I knew we could do it — and I was proved right."

Before that deciding game in Belgrade, Spain had beaten Yugoslavia 1-0 in Madrid and lost one and won one against Rumania.

Yugoslavia, which had lost to Rumania at home suddenly put itself back into the running with a spectacular 6-4 victory over Rumania in Bucharest, mainly due to an exceptional performance by Susic, who scored three goals, the others coming from Muzinic, Trifunovic and Filipovic.

Going into the last match against Spain, Yugoslavia needed to win by a two-goal margin to take the group on goal dif-



Alfredo Di Stefano played for the River Plate team that won the Argentinian championship when he was 20 years old. The attack of Labruna (left), Di Stefano (middle) and Pedernera (right) was known as "La maquina", — the machine.

ference. Spain would qualify with a win, a draw or even a one-goal loss.

A crowd of 95,000 packed the Red Star stadium for the Belgrade bloodbath.

Savage and wilful kicking and hacking went virtually unchecked by English referee Ken Burns who was criticised severely afterwards.

In the first minute, Juanito was trading kicks with Kustiduc and after 13 minutes, Pirri limped off the field injured.

In the second half Juanito limped off for treatment and was knocked down as a bottle, thrown from the crowd, broke over his head. He was carried unconscious to hospital for a dozen stitches in a gash.



The great Alfredo Di Stefano.

Yugoslavia fielded a new, younger team, without Dzejic, Bogicevic or Oblak.

Spain fielded another shaken-up team. Kubala used no less than 25 men

in the four qualifying games.

This time he decided to go back to a team based on league leader Real Madrid, which meant retaining Pirri as sweeper, Jose Camacho as left back and Juanito on the right wing, but adding goalkeeper Miguel Angel and defender Isidora Carlos Santillana, the league's equal top scorer at the time, among the substitutes.

Miguel Angel hadn't even started the season as Madrid's first choice goalkeeper and San Jose had played only about 10 first-team matches at right back before Kubala decided to include him for his debut — in midfield.

The only goal came in the 71st minute. Juanito clipped a long pass up the left for Cardenosa who caught it just as the ball was about to cross the dead-ball line. The Betis man hit back a marvellous centre which Cano, running beyond the far post, met first-time on the angle to leave Katalinic all over the place.

The only casualty in Spain's squad so far is Jose Comacho, who was seriously injured at training. Valencia's Jose Carrete is likely to be the new left back, with Antonio Anero the second choice.

Spain's record international Iribar, the great Bilbao goalkeeper, may or may not go to Argentina. He is 35 years old now, and has had many injuries.



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"Bon Voyage"



Ruben Cano (No. 9) in action in a European Cup Winners' Cup game against Hamburger SV. At right is Peter Nogly and the goalkeeper is Rudi Kargus.

ISSIZ RERR GOAL, GEEZANURRAWAN!

LONDON — The foot soldiers of Scotland's tartan army, veterans of campaigns throughout Europe, are now fixing their sights on the Pampas and Andean slopes of Argentina.

The troops are the scarf-waving supporters — some say disciples — of Scotland's national team which is one of the 16 to qualify for the 1978 World Cup finals.

The first target for Ally's army, as they are called in deference to Scottish team manager **Allister MacLeod**, is the central Argentine city of Cordoba where Scotland meets Peru on June 3.

Though only a few hundred are expected to make the long and expensive trip, the passion of the Scots supporters will no doubt make up for their lack of numbers. To them football is a religion. More: Life itself!

A sympathetic Scottish police force, long accustomed to this enthusiasm, feels that the biggest problem their Argentine police colleagues will face from the tartan-clad visitors is not violence, but language.

"The Scots do not speak English," said Edinburgh detective Constable **Harry Jones**.

Writing in "Forthright", the magazine of the Lothian and Borders police, whose headquarters are in Edinburgh, Constable Jones says the Argentine police, "can throw out any contingency plans they have to distribute English phrase books amongst themselves."

His message is — English will not be spoken.

It is true that in their forays and skirmishes abroad the Scottish followers seem to have decided that it is up to the local barmen and wine waiters to learn the meaning of requests such as "Geezanurrawan, Jimmy" — roughly translated as "the same again, please, barman."

Argentines are also likely to be asked "Hey Jimmy, wherrageme", meaning "Excuse me, where is the game being played?" And once settled in the stadium, a satisfied Scot is likely to pronounce "Issiz rerr" (this is first class) as he waits for his heroes to win "nae borra" (without any problems).

Manager MacLeod, a tall, slim Glaswegian, shares his faith in Scotland's powers. For him it is a simple belief.

"The thought of coming back without the Cup hasn't entered my head," he said recently.

If he does pull it off, MacLeod could well replace **Robert Burns** as Scotland's national hero.

Pop singer **Rod Stewart**, an ardent fan, plans to make a record with the 22-man Scottish squad, but the current Scots anthem was composed on the terrace by the fans.

It says: "We've drunk lager, we've drunk wine — we're on our way to Argentina."

How to get there is another matter. By normal air transport, with expenses, it could cost as much as 1,800 sterling (3,000 Aust. dollars). But with characteristic flamboyance one Scottish fan is reported to be considering hiring a submarine.



Scotland's manager Ally MacLeod

From JACK GILLON

Jim Tait, a restaurateur from Hamilton, Lanarkshire, said "The sub is owned by a Western European country. We are still negotiating." He wants 100 brave souls to spend 12 days and 600 sterling (1,000 dollars) apiece travelling to Argentina below the Atlantic.

Another eccentric plan involves hitch-hiking down through Africa and working a passage on a boat to South America from there.

The Scots who do go to Argentina, will leave behind a nation where, according to Ally MacLeod, "every man, woman and child will be round the television, kicking with us every inch of the way, and that will pull us through."

And if they are victorious, Ally's army may well decide to bring a bit of Argentina home with them for Auld Lang Syne.

When Scotland beat England 2-1 at Wembley in June 1977, thousands of fans invaded the pitch and dug up clods of turf to carry back north over the border.

Arrested, one of the Scots explained to an English magistrate in London's Bow Street court: "The turf was from the spot where **Kenny Dalglish** scored the winning goal. I wanted to take it home and put it in a jar on my mantelpiece and just watch it grow."

Be warned, Argentina! — (through AAP).



Scotland picks 40

Scotland has named a 40-man World Cup squad. It is:

Goalkeepers:

Rough (Partick), J. Stewart (Kilmarnock), D. Stewart (Leeds), Clark (Aberdeen), Blyth (Coventry).

Defenders:

McGrain, Aitken, McDonald (Celtic); Jardine, T. Forsyth (Rangers); Kennedy, Miller (Aberdeen); Donachie (Manchester City); F. Gray (Leeds); Buchan, McQueen

(Manchester United); Blackley (Newcastle); Burns (Notts Forest); Narey, Hogarty (Dundee Utd.).

Midfield:

Rioch (Derby); Gemmill (Notts Forest); Souness (Liverpool); Wark (Ipswich); McNab (Tottenham); Fitzpatrick (St. Mirren); Macari (Manchester Utd.); Hartford

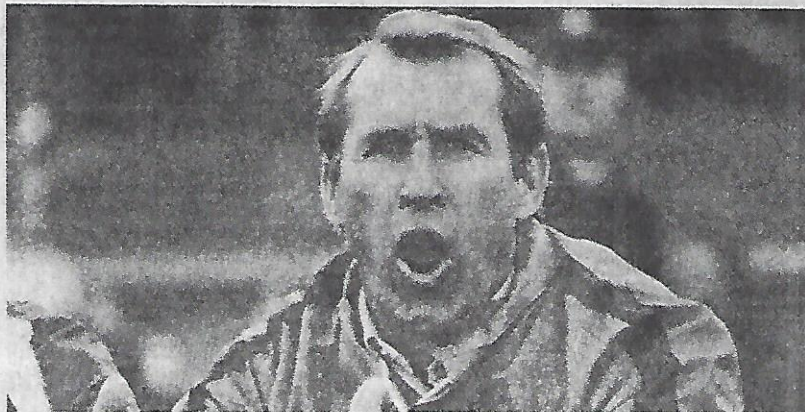
(Manchester City).

Forwards:

Jordan (Manchester Utd.); Dalglish (Liverpool); Gray (Aston Villa); Harper (Aberdeen); Johnstone (Rangers); McGarvey (St. Mirren); Johnston (West Brom); Payne (Dundee Utd.); Robertson (Notts Forest); Wallace (Coventry); Graham (Leeds).



Joe Wark (Motherwell)



Australian coach Helmuth Senekowitsch — his team is unbeaten in 13 games.

Unbeaten

Austria remained unbeaten in 13 games over two years when it drew 1-1 with Greece in Athens.

Galokos gave Greece the lead in the 42nd minute but **Hans Krankl** soon equalised. Word is that Standard Liege of Belgium is willing to buy Krankl from Rapid Vienna for \$500,000.

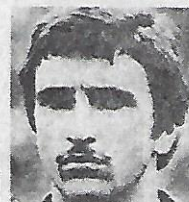
Line-ups:

Austria: Baumgartner (F. Koncilia 54th), Strasser, Pentze, Persidis, Sara, Hapitz, Oberacher, Prohaska, Riedel, Krankl, Weber.

Greece: Kakaris, Kirastis, Iossifidis, Firos, Ravassis, Anastasiadis (Papaliouannu, 81st), Damanakis, Papaliouannu (Ghessios 72nd), Kalambakas (Semerzidis 60th), Galakos, Mavros.

Spain prepares

Spain's practice matches are: April 26 v. Mexico (Granada); May 24 v. Uruguay (Montevideo); May 26 v. Uruguayan club team (Montevideo).



Hans Krankl

Mexico 5-1

Mexico beat El Salvador 5-1 in a practice game in Mexico City.

Three of the goals came from **Hugo Sanchez**. He has now scored nine times in three games — against a Levsky-Spartak Sofia XI, Grasshoppers Zurich and now El Salvador.

Lugo and Mendizabal were Mexico's other scorers against El Salvador.

Practice games: April 4 v. Bulgaria (Mexico City); April 26 v. Spain (Granada); May 1 v. Celta de Vigo (Vigo, Spain); May 4 v. Finland (Helsinki); May 8 v. Eintracht Frankfurt (Frankfurt).

Tscheu stars in Israel

Tscheu La Ling, the Ajax Amsterdam winger of Chinese background, was one of the stars of Holland's 2-1 victory over Israel in Tel Aviv.

Tscheu scored the winning goal, after **Rob Rensenbrink** had put Holland ahead and Peretz had equalised for Israel.

Israel: Haviv, Nachnes, Yerushalmi, M. Cohen, L. Cohen, Bar, Shum, Malmillian, Damti, Peretz, Lavie.

Holland: Schryvers, Suurbier, Krol, Rijdsbergen, Hovenkamp, Peters, van Hanegem, van der Kerkhof, Tscheu La Ling, van Leeuwen, Rensenbrink.

Holland's scheduled warm-up games: April 5 v. Tunisia (Tunis); May 16 Paris tournament; May 20 v. Austria (Athens).

Swinging into action

BONN — World Cup fever in West Germany is already so great that a long-playing record made by the country's national squad has won a "Golden Disc" award for sales of more than 250,000.

The album of songs, directed by German pop star **Udo Jurgens** and entitled "Buenos Dias Argentina" (Good Day, Argentina) sold 270,000 copies in just four weeks.

The West German team which defends its world title in Argentina in June, receives the award before its friendly international match against Brazil in Hamburg today (April 5).

The record has turned out to be a money-spinner for the West German Football Association. Its share of the proceeds, amounting so far to 700,000 marks (350,000 dollars) will be used to promote the sport in schools and youth clubs.

Germany 1-0, 2-1

West Germany beat England 2-1 and USSR 1-0 in recent trial games.

Ronnie Worm and **Rainer Bonhof** scored against England and **Rolf Ruessmann** scored against the USSR.

Line-ups for the England game:

West Germany: Maier, Vogts, Ruessmann, Schwarzenbeck, Zimmernann, Neumann (Dietz 55th), Bonhof, Flohe (injured sub. Burghmueller 35th), Abramczik, Hoelzenbein (Worm 57th), Rummenigge.

England: Clemence, Neal, Watson, Hughes, Mills, Wilkins, Keegan (Francis), Brooking, Coppell, Pearson, Barnes.

Line-ups for the USSR match:

Germany: Maier, Vogts, Ruessmann, Kaltz, Dietz, Bonhof, Hoelzenbein, Flohe, Abramczik, Fischer, Rummenigge.

USSR: Degtyarev, Makovikov, Budnov, Prigoda, Zhupikov, Burjak (Minaev), Kolotov, Veremejev, Konkov, Fedorov, Blokhin.

Parvis gives his tips

Iran's super-star **Parvis Ghelichkhani** tips Holland, West Germany and Brazil to be the top three teams in the World Cup.

Ghelichkhani, the man who scored both goals in Iran's 2-0 victory over Australia in Teheran in 1973, will join his national team for the finals in June.

Iran has negotiated his release from the San Jose Earthquakes in the United States.

"I have played 91 international games for my country, but this will be my greatest experience," he said, speaking about Argentina.

Pele will visit Iran for five days soon

Iran's practice games: April 5 v. Yugoslavia (Teheran); April 18 v. Wales (Teheran); April 28

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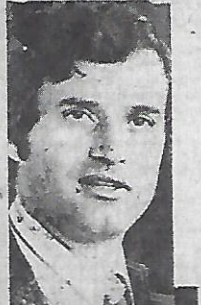
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Edstroem boosts Sweden



Swedish ace Ralf Edstroem (pictured) is back in training after another knee operation.

The Swedish squad is: Goalkeepers: Hagberg, Moeller.

Defenders: Amnerbsson, M. Andersson, R. Andersson, Johansson, Karlsson, Nordqvist, Aalman.

Middlefielders: Boerjesson, Friedriksson, Larsson, Selander, Tapper.

Forwards: Lundberg, Lissom, Nordin, Ohlsson, Sjoeborg, Aalsund.

Ronnie Hellstrom of German club Kaiserslautern may also be included.

Sweden's coming matches: April 4 v. East Germany; April 19 v. West Germany; May 18 v. Czechoslovakia.

FRENCH ACE

French star Dominique Bathenay has a serious knee injury and is in doubt for the World Cup finals.

Dominique Rocheteau is also injured, but expected to recover quickly.

Who will be the new super-stars after the World Cup in Argentina? That's the question most soccer fans are asking, especially since Franz Beckenbauer and Johan Cruyff won't be there this time.

Past World Cups have always had world-class players to capture the public's imagination.

Who will forget legendary figures like Seeler, Albert, Moore, Puskas, Kocsic, Boszok, Fritz Walter, Eusabelo, Fontaine, Kopa, Charlton, Sekularac, Polo, Djama Santos, Carlos Alberto, Yashin, Zoff, Facchetti, Mazzola, and more recently, Hoenes, Lato and Gadocha?

But with the World Cup only a few months away, even the world champion, West Germany, is worried that it does not have a world star in its ranks.

If a great side like Germany is worried about the absence of Kaiser Franz, how do the smaller nations feel?

Germany knows all too well that a World Cup can be won only by a team which has at least a few players who are in world class.

But traditionally, good players are put into world class through their good performances on the world stage.

Perhaps Klaus Fischer, the German striker, will become a second Gerd Mueller in the finals; perhaps Nyilasi and Torocsik will become Hungary's new Albert and Puskas.

And maybe Joe Jordan will capture the Scottish imagination the way Billy Bremner did.

Interest will also be focused on the Spaniards Juanito and Miguel, the Italian Graziani, the Frenchmen Platini, Rocheteau and Bathenay and goalkeepers Maier and Jongbloed who will prove or disprove the theory of Yashin, that goalkeepers reach their peak after 30.

Every world cup produces surprises — like Italy's advance to the 1970 final, Czechoslovakia's rise in Chile in 1962, the emergence of Poland in 1974, and Germany's victory over Hungary in the 1954 final after trailing 0-2.

Therefore, it must be expected that there will also be surprises this year.

And I expect those surprises to be provided by Hungary, Scotland and Spain. I don't think France will do much, although many rate France very highly, but I believe Mexico could cause problems.

The candidates for the Cup, in my opinion, are Germany, Holland, Argentina and Brazil.

Europeans have not yet managed to win the Cup in South America.

The partisan crowds weigh heavily against Europeans, and the temperament of the Latins is in sharp contrast with that of the Continentals.

In this regard, Spain must have an edge, for Argentina speaks the Spanish language and Spaniards dominated Argentina centuries ago.

Perhaps Hungary may also be able to overcome the difficulties, for it is one of the most scientific nations in world football and it has solutions for almost everything.

The Scots may have less problems than the rest due to their career approach. They simply couldn't care less who they play against.

And of course, Germany and Holland, despite the absence of Beckenbauer and Cruyff, have the experience and the maturity to overcome most obstacles.

The Italians have a temperament similar to the Latins, but in my opinion, their soccer will be too slow in Argentina.

Kempes, Piazza, Wolff in doubt

The following is the Argentinian squad now in training for the World Cup. There is still no definite news about the availability of overseas-based players Enrique Wolff (Real Madrid), Oswaldo Piazza (St. Etienne) and Mario Kempes (Valencia).

Club	Age	Caps
Goalkeepers		
Hector Baley	27	11
Ubaldo Fillol	27	1
Backs		
Jorge Olguin	25	23
Miguel Ovidio	27	6
Daniel Passarella	24	22
Daniel Tarantini	22	38
Daniel Killer	28	19
Ruben Pagnanini	28	1
Armando Capurro	29	0
Victor Bottaniz	24	0
Halfers		
Huracan	25	29
Newell's Old Boys	22	41
Talleres Cordoba	22	21
Racing Club	25	14
Independiente	25	9
Omar Larrosa	30	6
Forwards		
Daniel Bertoni	22	27
Rene Houseman	24	42
Leopoldo Luque	28	27
Humberto Bravo	26	0
Oscar Ortiz	24	8
Standing by (also training):		
Goalkeeper Ricardo La Volpe (San Lorenzo)	6	full
Internationals played:		
Halt		

Marintio, Pereira missing!



Luis Pereira (pictured) and Francisco Marinho — both stars in Germany in 1974 — have not been included in Brazil's 21-man World Cup Squad.

They are included only in the back-up squad standing by in case of injuries.

The squad is: Goalkeepers: Leao, Carlos.

Defenders: Toninho, Amaral, Edinho, Ze Maria, Abel, Poloz, Rodrigues, Neto, Oscar.

Middlefield: Toninho, Cerezo, Batista, Rivellino.

Forwards: Tarcinlio, Zico, Reinaldo, Gil, Jorge Mendonca, Nunes, Dirceu, Romeu.

The 22nd player will probably be Cruzeiro goalkeeper Raul, to be added after the tour of Europe which began in France on April 1.

Games: April 5 v. West Germany (Hamburg); April 10 v. Sauda Arabia (Jeddah); April 13 v. Inter Milan (Milan); April 19 v. England (Wembley).

Hungary workout

Hungary A and Hungary B recently played a 1-1 draw in a practice session.

Hungary A: Gjudar, Torok, Balint, Kereki, J. Toth, Nyilasi, Pinter, Zombori, Fazekas, Torocsik, Varadi.

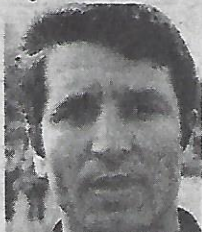
Hungary B: Z. Toth, Paroczai, Kerekas, A. Nagy, Vegh, Rab, Pasztor, Csongradi, Majer, Iszo, Maygar.

Warm-up games have been planned for:

April 15 v. Czechoslovakia (Budapest); May 15 v. Schalke (away); May 20 v. Eintracht Frankfurt (away); May 24 v. England (Wembley); May 26 v. Strasbourg or Cologne (away).

International scoreboard

GREECE																		
AEK 3, Yannis 0; Apollon 2, Kavala 0; Iraklis 3, Panathinaikos 1; Kallithea 1, Olympiakos 1; PAOK 2, Aris 1; Panathinaikos 1, Panathinaikos 1; Epikos 1, OFI 0; Ethnikos 1, Verolis 1.																		
HOLLAND																		
FC Twente Enschede 1, Sparta Rotterdam 0; Haarlem 2, FC Den Haag 0; Ajax Amsterdam 6, Hec Nijmegen 1; Utrecht 1, VVV Venlo 1; Vitesse Arnhem 0, Amsterdam 4; MAC Breda 3, Volendam 3; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, Telstar Velsen 1; Roda JC Kerkrade 0, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0; Achter 1, PSV Eindhoven 1.																		
ITALY																		
Fiorantina 2, Atlanta 2; Inter 0, Verona 0; Juventus 0, Torino 0; L. Vicenza 2, Foggia 0; Napoli 4, Lazio 3; Perugia 0, Milan 1; Pescara 0, Genoa 0; Roma 1, Bologna 1.																		
TURKEY																		
Adana 0, Spor 0; Zonguldak 0, Ankaragucu 3; Galatasaray 1; Bursa 0, Etiler 0; Digerbaki 1, Beles 0; Fenerbahce 1, Adanaspor 2; Mersin 0, Altay 0; Samsun 2, Ordu 1.																		
PORTUGAL																		
Sporting 2, Porto 3; Espinho 1, Benfica 5; Maritimo De Funchal 1, Partimmonense 0; Boavista 1, Academico 1; Varzim 1, Braga 1; Gilvares 3, Setubal 0; Belenenses 0, Estoril 0; Nogueira 2, Farense 1.																		
SWITZERLAND																		
Luzern 1, Basle 1; Sion 1, Grasshoppers Zurich 1; Zurich 0, Servette Geneva 0; Chaux de Fonds 4, Young Fellows Zurich 0; Grenchen 1, Neuchatel Xamax 0; St. Gallen 2, Young Boys Bern 2.																		
SPAIN																		
Rayo Vallecano 0, Elio 1; Valencia 1, Sporting 0; Real Sociedad 3, Burgos 1; Real Betis 4, Real Madrid 2; Barcelona 1, Espanol 1; Atletico Madrid 1, Sevilla 0; Daxo 0, Salamanca 1; Racing 1, Las Palmas 0; Hercules 1, Athletic Bilbao 0.																		
EAST GERMANY																		
Karl-Marx-Stadt 0, Dynamo Berlin 0; Wismut Gera 1, Chemie Zeitz 1; Frankfurt/Oder 1, Magdeburg 1; Erfurt 2, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Union Berlin 0, Dynamo Dresden 2; Leipzig 4, Wismut AUE 1; Chemie Halle 2, Sachsenring Zwickau 1.																		
AUSTRIA																		
Graz 0, Rapid 1; Wiener Sportklub Post 1, Sturm Graz 1; Linzer Ask 1, Vienna 0, Austria Wien 1, SSW Innsbruck 1; Admira Wacker 1, Voest Linz 1.																		
WEST GERMANY																		
St. Pauli 1, VfB Stuttgart 1; FC Saarbrücken 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 1; Eintracht Braunschweig 1, Hertha Berlin 1; Werder Bremen 2, Mönchengladbach 0; Schalke 04 0, Borussia Dortmund 2; Bayern Munich 3, HSV Duisburg 2; Fortuna Düsseldorf 4, FC Kaiserslautern 1; FC Cologne 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; VfL Bochum 2, Hamburg SV 1.																		
HUNGARY																		
Halmi 1, Tatabánya 2; Peca 2, Szekesfehervari 2; Videoton 1; Haba Eto 1, MTK VNI 1; Peco 0, Bekesaba 1; Ujpest Doraz 4; Honved 3, Zalaegerszeg 0; Csepel 2, Vasar 4; Kaposvar 1, Ferencvaros 0; Dunaujvaros 2, Diogenes 0.																		
CZECHOSLOVAKIA																		
Dukla Praha 3, Slavia Praha 1; Tatra Pracev 1, Jednota Trancov 0; Spartak Trnava 2, Skoda Plzen 0; Banik Ostrava 1, Dukla Banska Bystrica 1; ZVL Zilina 2, Sparta Praha 0; Zbrojovka Brno 4, Slovan Utiepie 0; Bohemians Praha 2, Lokomotiva Kralov 0; Slovan Bratislava 1, Inter Bratislava 0.																		
POLAND																		
Arka Gdynia 2, Szombierki Bytom 1; Gornik Zabrze 2, Ruch Chorzow 4; Legia Warszawa 0, Lach Poznan 0; Polonia Bytom 1, Zagłębie Sosnowiec 1; Stal Mielec 1, Odra Opole 0; Widzew Lodz 3, LKS Lodz 0; Wisla Krakow 2, Pogon Szczecin 0; Zawisza Bydgoszcz 2, Slask Wroclaw 1.																		
Leading positions:																		
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Widza Krakow	11	13	2	28	19	35												
Lach Poznan	10	12	4	24	21	32												
Slask Wroclaw	13	5	8	33	30	31												
Slask Mielec	11	7	8	31	24	29												
Legia Warsaw	11	6	9	41	27	28												
BRITAIN																		
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE:																		
Arsenal 3, Newcastle 1; Aston Villa 0, Liverpool 3; Bristol 3, Arsenal 1; Everton 2, Derby 1; Leicester 0, West Bromwich Albion 1; Manchester C. 2, Ipswich 1; Norwich 3, Leeds 0; Nottingham Forest 3, Chelsea 1; Queens Park Rangers 1, Middlesbrough 0; West Ham 2, Coventry 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Birmingham 1.																		
DIVISION TWO:																		
Bolton 2, Orient 0; Brighton 2, Mott County 1; Burnley 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Crystal Palace 0, Oldham 0; Hull 1, Luton 1; Mansfield 0, Charlton 3; Millwall 1, Bristol 3; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Southampton 5; Blackpool 0, Stoke 2; Cardiff 0, Sunderland 2; Fulham 2.																		
DIVISION THREE:																		
Bradford 1, Portsmouth 0; Cambridge 2, Watford 1; Carlisle 0, Bury 3; Chester 2, Exeter 1; Colchester 1; Shrewsbury 2; Billingham 0; Wrexham 0; Hereford 0; Sheffield 1; Oxford 1; Doncaster 1; Preston 0; Peterborough 1; Northampton 2; Port Vale 0.																		
DIVISION FOUR:																		
Aldershot 2, Northampton 1; Darlington 2; Craws 0; Doncaster 1; Torquay 0; Grimsby 2; Southend 0; Huddersfield 1; Brentford 3; Newport 0; Reading 0; Rochdale 2; Southport 1; Swansea 0; Hartlepool 0; Watford 2; Wimbledon 0.																		
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION:																		
Ayr 0, Motherwell 1; Celtic 2; Aberdeen 2; Dundee 0; Dundee United, postponed, pitch waterlogged; Hibernian 3; Partick Thistle 1; Rangers 1; St. Mirren 1.																		
DIVISION ONE:																		
Arbroath 1, Kilmarnock 0; Hamilton 2, Montrose 1; Queen of the South 1; Alloa 0; Stirling Albion 2; Airdrieonians 0; Dunbarton 0; Dundee, Morton v. East Fife, St. Johnstone v. Hearts all postponed, grounds waterlogged.																		
DIVISION TWO:																		
Dundee 2, East Stirling 0; Forfar 2; Cowdenbeath 1; Queens Park 1; Meadowbank 1; Stranraer 1; Raith 0; Albion v. Stenhousemuir, Brechin v. Clyde, Dunfermline v. Falkirk, all postponed, grounds waterlogged.																		
NORTHERN IRELAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE:																		
Ballymena 3, Derrylin 1; Bangor 2, Portadown 1; Cliftonville 1, Lifford 3; Crusaders 1; Larne 0; Glenside 5; Ards 2; Glenties 4, Coleraine 1.																		
FRIDAY GAMES																		
DIVISION THREE:																		
Dunfermline 1, Tranmere 1, Swindon 1.																		
DIVISION FOUR:																		
Barnsley 3, Bournemouth 0; Stockport 1, Southport 1; York 1, Halifax 1.																		
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Everton	12	4	2	40	8	6												
Arsenal	12	5	2	35	11	6												
Man City	13	2	2	41	16	5												
Liverpool	11	2	2	24	7	4												
Coventry	12	3	4	25	5	7												
Leeds Utd	11	4	3	35	16	5												
W.B.A.	10	4	2	27	12	4												
Norwich	10	7	2	26	16	1												
Aston Villa	7	4	5	20	15	6												
Man Utd	7	6	6	26	22	4												
Birmingham	7	4	7	23	25	7												
Derby City	7	4	7	27	25	7												
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W D L F A P																		
Tottenham	11	7	0	46	16	7												
Bolton	14	3	1	34	14	7												
Southampton	15	2	2	42	14	7												
Brighton	12	5	1	37	19	5												
Blackburn	12	3	3	32	13	4												
Oldham	8	9	1	27	17	4												
Luton	11	4	4	33	15	4												
Blackpool	7	7	4	32	20	5												
Sheff	11	3	3	32	14	4												
Crystal P	7	6	5	23	18	4												
Sunderland	8	6	4	29	16	10												
Fulham	9	7	3	31	17	3												
Charlton	10	5	3	35	24	2												
Burnley	8	6	4	27	17	4												
Sheff City	9	7	3	31	16	4												
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Cardiff	10	5	2	27	19	0												
Orient	6	8	2	24	18	1												
Hull	6	6	6	23	20	1												
Millwall	3	5	14	19	34	25												
Manfield	5	4	9	24	31	2												
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE																		
W D L F A P																		
Wrexham	13	6	0	40	16	9												
Cambridge	16	3	1	44	10	4												
Preston	14	4	2	41	17	3												
Gillingham	10	8	2	33	19	4												
Peterboro	10	7	1	21	11	5												
Tranmere	12	6	2	38	16	4												
Walsal	9	7	3	27	14	4												
Swindon	11	5	3	37	19	3												
Chester	10	8	1	31	20	3												
Bury	7	10	3	30	18	5												
Colchester	11	6	2	27	10	3												
Sheff Wednesday	7	9	5	32	14	1												
Shrewsbury	7	7	5	30	18	5												



Mike Glykokalamos
(Wests)

CROYDON, WESTS IN BIG REMATCH



Pat Lowrey (Croydon)



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The clash between Cumberland Cup finalists Croydon City and Western Suburbs is the highlight of the opening round of the Victorian Metropolitan League season.

Croydon won the final 3-1, but Wests point out that they were without stars Steve Moore and Andy Czapnik.

If these two return for the League battle, and it will make the game most interesting.

With More and Czapnik, Wests midfield would have the edge over Croydon's combination of Pat Lowrey, Charlie Kelly and Charlie Murphy.

Add Mike Glykokalamos, the experienced former Alexander star, and Wests midfield suddenly looks like a match winner.

However, Steve McCombe and Alan Pongho form a solid rearguard for Croydon, which has a generally more experienced team than Wests.

Wests centre back Marian Jaworaki will have to keep a close watch on Roy Hamilton, scorer of a hat-trick in the final.

At the other end, young Tom Patsakos will cause a few headaches for Croydon with his strong running. It will be a close game, and the result will have a big bearing on promotion. However, it looks like Croydon for the two points.

Newly-promoted Doveton should start with a win over Keilor City, and Collingwood will beat Polonia, which is still waiting for its five Polish imports to arrive.

However, when the new players are here, Polonia will be a force in the league.

Other games with likely winners in capitals — BOX HILL v Ardeer, Dandenong v AUSTRIA, Waverley v SPRINGVALE.

Tsakalidis back to Collingwood

Collingwood City, which won promotion to the First Division last season, has picked up George Tsakalidis from Box Hill.

Tsakalidis played 30 first team games for the Hillmen during his three-year stay. He is a utility player.

He played for Collingwood City, (when it was known as Princes Park) before coming to Box Hill.

MOST ITALIANS BACK FAWKNER

Fast-rising Fawkner, which was admitted into the Metropolitan League at the start of this season, has already reached the top in one field.

The Fourth Division club, although only 10 years old, is the best supported Italian club in Melbourne.

The club's following is likely to grow even more now that it has signed Dino DeMarchi, the former Juventus great and hero of the Italian soccer community.

Fawkner started in 1967 and played in a Sunday League until the formation of the Provisional League in 1972.

It joined the Provisional League but then applied for admission to Metro ranks.

After five years in the Provisional League, Fawkner's dreams came true when the Victorian Soccer Federation introduced relegation and promotion between the Metro Fourth Division and the Provisional League.

Last season Fawkner finished runner-up to Werribee in the Provisional League, but still won promotion.

Now in with the big boys, Fawkner expects to shoot up the Metro Fourth Division ladder.

The club has a good ground and clubrooms for 200 people, assets some clubs in higher divisions are only dreaming about.

Fawkner puts it down to hard work and a good backing from the Broadmeadows Council.

Fawkner's Tony 'Skip' Schipano, a strong and talented centre forward, is a great prospect.

He has been with Fawkner since he was 12 and recently Juventus showed some interest in him.

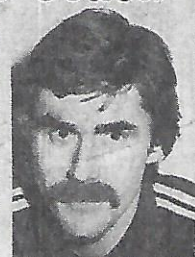
However, 'Skip' will stay with Fawkner for at least one more season.

Fawkner's coach is John Bressan, the former Juventus player, and apart from DeMarchi, John Pollita is the only other player to have joined this season.

Widera is new Polonia coach



Edek Widera



Tom Kotter

Tom Kotter has resigned as coach of Polonia (Vic).

He has been replaced by Edek Widera, the former Polonia and Keilor City star.

Kotter was player/coach but stepped down because it was affecting his form as a player.

He will continue playing with Polonia.

The club is still waiting for the arrival of its five Polish imports.

Juventus stars of future

Juventus (Vic) expects big things from the boys who did so well in the Lalor Under 10 B Division last season.

The team is pictured above, standing from left: Mark Scillio, Frank De Maria, Max Ferraiuolo (captain), Mark Pic-

cinin, Adrian Pegoraro, Robert De Angelis. Front: Mark Cvetkovic, Andrea Lugli, Arthur Chondros, Roberto Giandomenico, David Butera, Mauro De Stefanis. Coach is Michael Daley and team manager, Domenico Ciccone.

Saints conquer the Cross

The mighty juniors from George Cross visited St Albans and like so many clubs, went away empty-handed.

Results: St Albans Under 12 defeated George Cross 3-0. Under 14 defeated George Cross 5-2.

Other St Albans teams continued their pre-season run of success. Results: St Albans Under 13 defeated Doncaster Rovers 5-1, Under 14 defeated Doncaster Rovers 2-1, Under 15 defeated Albion Rovers, 1-0.

REFEREEING COURSES

Two Referees Instruction Courses have been arranged, for prospective referees and anyone interested in furthering their knowledge of the game, as follows:

Course No. 1 — Croydon Soccer Club rooms, Cnr. Mt Dandenong Road and Springfield Avenue, Croydon.

Commencing — Tuesday 4th April, 1978, 7.30 — 9.30 pm, for 8 consecutive evenings (Tuesdays).

Course No. 2 — Waverley Soccer Club rooms, Sixth Avenue, off Highway Road, Waverley, Wednesday evenings.

Cost of Course — \$4 (Current Laws Book included).

Applicants shall provide their own pencils or pens and note books.

Applicants can be male or female, but must be over 14 at the start of the course. Maximum age of all accredited or senior referees is 56. Applicants must be under 38 years for senior refereeing, but can still become an accredited referee over this age.

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Latrobe Valley league kicks off Sunday

Latrobe Valley (Vic) first division and reserve leagues will kick off on April 9, and the Second Division will kick off two weeks later.

With five new clubs, the 2nd division will be divided into east and west to overcome travelling problems. Drouin — Bairnsdale is a 400 km round trip and Korumburra — Bairnsdale 480 km.

New clubs are being formed in Korumburra, Traralgon, Hazelwood, Sale and Moe.

Fixtures for April 9:

Leongatha v Pegasus, Traralgon v Churchill, Sale City v Fortuna, Newborough v Monash, Morwell Rangers v Moe United.

Battle of Britain Cup: Korumburra v Drouin, Frankston v Moe United.

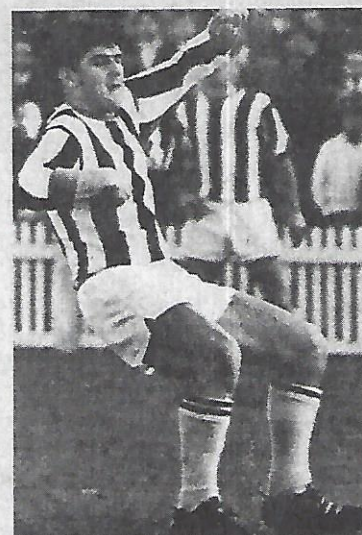
Denmark goes pro

Denmark, the home of Australia's best goalkeeper, John Hansen of South Melbourne Hellas, has voted to introduce professional soccer.

The Dansk Boldspil Union voted 100 to 10 to end the country's amateur tradition.

Already 700 part-time professional contracts have been signed and sponsorship contracts have been negotiated with major companies.

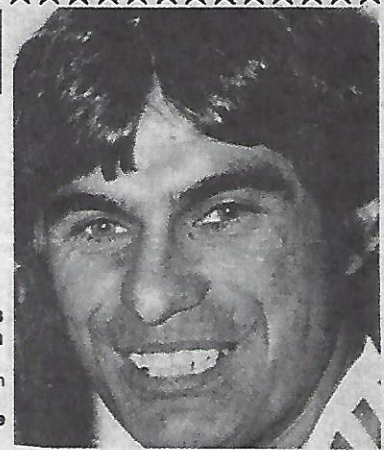
Third Division club Herning has offered a \$40,000 a year



Dino DeMarchi in action for Juventus — now he's with Fawkner.

CANBERRA CITY STAR IVAN GRUJICIC:

Broken leg almost ended his career



Ivan Grujicic — Canberra's top goalscorer.



Canberra captain Tony Henderson heads at goal as Terry Byrne falls. Byrne is good enough for the English First Division, says Grujicic.

Soccer fever has gripped Canberra, and it reminds Canberra City star Ivan Grujicic of what it was like when he played top soccer in Yugoslavia.

"It's the same sort of atmosphere as when I played for Osijek in the Yugoslav Second Division," said Ivan.

"People talk about soccer in the streets and the sport gets in the news all the time.

"Johnny Warren (Canberra coach) gets interviewed on the radio at least once a week and there are about five minutes of highlights from our game on the Monday night news whenever we play at home."

Thanks to the efforts of Canberra City's players and administrators, soccer is now the No. 1 sport in the national capital.

"Soccer was ignored in Canberra before the Phillips League started," said Ivan, "but now, the people are interested."

As well as having two lots of English TV replays and the Phillips Top Soccer programme, Canberra fans also have a segment on local soccer, called 'Soccer Scene', presented by Pat Stanley, the former Pan Hellenic player and Croatia Deakin coach.

Byrne tops

"We have gone from black to white since last season," said Ivan. "This year, we have more and better players, better preparations and of course, more fans and a great ground (Bruce Stadium)."

Of the new players, Terry Byrne and Gary Parker are Ivan's choice as the best.

"I don't know how Terry didn't make it in the English First Division," said Ivan. "He's tremendously skilful. Unfortunately for him, he gets kicked a lot by defenders."

Ivan said that players from last season had lifted themselves, which is one reason why Canberra is doing much better now.

We have some promising juniors at Canberra," said Ivan. "Danny Moulis and Steve Hogg are great prospects and I reckon that goalie David Lindenmayer will play for Australia one day."

The reserve and third teams at City are full of good youngsters and Vic Fernandez does a great job looking after them."

Grujicic was luckier than the juniors at Canberra in that he did an apprenticeship with a professional club.

He started as a junior with Osijek (which is now in the Yugoslav First Division), before going on loan to another Second Division club, Borobo.

During his one-year stay with Borobo, Grujicic toured Eastern Europe.

"We played four games in Czechoslovakia and one in Poland against Garska," said Ivan.

"In East Germany, we played Lockmotive and Dynamo Dresden (the country's top club), which beat us 5-2."

"The tour was a great experience for me and I was particularly impressed with the grounds. They were beautiful."

Grujicic returned to Osijek but broke his leg badly in 1971.

"My leg was broken

in three places," said Ivan, "and I was in plaster for nine months. I also needed rehabilitation and physiotherapy treatment six hours a day for three months."

With his career as a professional player at the crossroads, Ivan decided to join his brother in Australia.

He settled in Wollongong, but it took nine months for him to get a clearance from Osijek.

"The club wanted money and the situation dragged on and on," said Ivan. "I finally got a clearance but only for Australia. If I want to play anywhere else in the world, I have to ask Osijek first."

Grujicic played two seasons with South Coast United in Wollongong before transferring to Croatia Deakin in Canberra.

"When I started playing again, I was a bit scared because of my leg," said Ivan, "but I got over it. However, I lost a bit of pace because of the injury."

"I left Wollongong because I got a good job in Canberra," said Ivan, who didn't find working easy after being a professional soccer player for most of his life.

At the time, Peter Wilson and Max Tolson, who have played with the Socceroos, were at Wollongong.

Ivan is now a salesman with J. Blackwood & Co. (Building supplies) and his boss is Frank Cottler, who was vice president at Canberra City last season.

"My employers have been very good to me," said Ivan, "as soccer sometimes forces me to take time off work."

Essendon

After a successful spell with Deakin, Grujicic transferred to Essendon Lions (Vic.), now Essendon Croatia.

"We won every honor possible," said Ivan, commenting on his stay with Deakin, "but I needed a change. Besides, the committee had a row with the players and the coach."

Playing with Essendon meant flying down to Melbourne every week, and Grujicic often went straight from the airport to the ground.

"Essendon was 10th on the First Division ladder when I came," said Ivan, "but we managed to climb to third spot and win promotion to the State League."

That was in 1976 when the top four teams from the Metropolitan League gained promotion to fill the vacancies left by the departure of clubs to the P.S.L.

Played for Osijek in Yugoslavia



Adrian Alston

"Essendon is a good club administration-wise," said Ivan, "and it deserves to be in the P.S.L. with the big following it has."

However, flying down to Melbourne kept Ivan away from his wife and family too much, so he quit Essendon.

"I considered moving down to Melbourne at one stage," said Ivan, "but I decided I liked Canberra too much."

Grujicic signed for Canberra City at the start of 1977.

"One of the main reasons I signed for Canberra was that Johnny Warren was coach," said Ivan.

"I'd played against Johnny and knew him as a skilful player who ran for 90 minutes."

"He's an intelligent coach, so I decided to join."

Grujicic rates Warren, along with Ray Baartz and Adrian Alston, as one of the best players Australia has had.

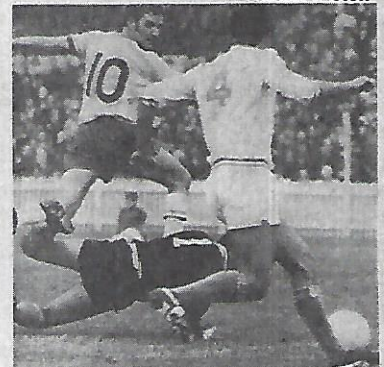
"Of the players in Australia at the moment," said Ivan, "Jimmy Rooney and Johnny Perin would be the best."

Grujicic thinks Canberra will do better now that it has slowed down.

"The first thing I noticed about soccer in Australia compared with Yugoslav soccer," said Ivan, "was that the players were so impatient and played the game at 100 mph."

"Last season, Canberra rushed too much but now we're pushing the ball around and slowing the game down and we are getting results."

— KYLE PATTERSON.



Ray Baartz (No. 10) in action against goalkeeper Christidis and Dedes of Greece. Baartz, Alston and Warren are three of the finest players Australia has had, says Grujicic.



Johnny Warren, now Canberra's coach, in action for Australia in a World Cup game against South Korea.

Birthday goal by Bonhof lifts Borussia

DUESSELDORF. — Liverpool, bent on retaining the European Cup, lost the away leg of its semi-final against Borussia Moenchengladbach, beaten in last year's final 2-1, after drama had crowded the final minutes.

The West Germans had led through Wilfried Hannes from the 28th minute.

Then, with three minutes to go, substitute David Johnson put Liverpool level, but straight from the kick-off Borussia swept upfield and World Cup star Rainer Bonhof celebrated his 26th birthday by scoring the winner from a 25-yard free kick.

In the Cup Winners' Cup the last East European survivor, Dinamo Moscow set up a 2-1 lead over Austria Wien in the dying minutes.

The Austrians had been ahead from midway through the first half when the Moscow club, playing nominally at home but in fact far away in Tbilisi, Soviet Georgia, equalised with five minutes to go and scored the winner in the following minute.

Goalkeeper Baumgartner had kept the Austrians afloat for almost an hour after Baumgartner had caught the Dinamo defence napping from a free kick.

It was local boy Tsereteli, coming on as substitute, who headed the equaliser and next minute man-of-the-match Gashkovich put the Muscovites ahead.

If Austria makes its away goal tell in the home leg on April 12 its opponent in the final seems sure to be Belgium's Anderlecht, which returns from Holland with a cherished 1-0 win over Twente Enschede, thanks to Nielsen's second half goal.

The European Cup finalists remain in doubt. In Turin Juventus scored a lone-goal win over the Belgian champion Bruges, but it must be an open question whether Roberto Beteg's second half goal will



Rainer Bonhof — celebrated his 26th birthday by scoring the winning goal against Liverpool.

soil. In the UEFA Cup PSV Eindhoven set up a three-goal lead over star-laced visitor Barcelona, whose luckless defender Olmo inadvertently opened the scoring.

Barcelona-Dutch super star Johan Cruyff notwithstanding—may find it tougher to rub those goals out in Spain than Bastia, which conceded three goals to Grasshoppers Zurich — but scored twice.

European Cup

In Turin: JUVENTUS (Italy) 1 BRUGES (Belgium) 0 (halftime 0-0).

In Dusseldorf: BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH (West Germany) 2 LIVERPOOL (England) 1.

Cup Wionners' Cup

In Enschede: TWENTE ENSCHEDE (Holland) 0, ANDERLECHT (Belgium) 1 (halftime 0-0).

In Tbilisi: DINAMO MOSCOW (Soviet Union) 2 AUSTRIA WIEN (Austria) 1 (halftime 0-1).

UEFA Cup

In Eindhoven: PSV Eindhoven (Holland) 3 BARCELONA (Spain) 0 (halftime 2-0).

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Medjutim, nije to uvek sladak život kao što na prvi pogled izgleda. Proste subote su kise potopile Sydney, pa je JUST morao da odloži put za nedelju, uoči utakmice sa Western Suburbom. Pravo sa aerodroma presli su u mota na ručki (posle pola sata voznje) zatim kratak odmor preko solica i fotelja kao pijani mornari i onda u minibus na igraliste udeleženo dobar sat voznje. Kad su stigli na metu, igrači us ispadali iz vozila zgrceni i ukoceni kao sardine, a dugajlije sa dobro izlupanim glavama.

LANCANI SISTEM POVREDA

"JUST ima najbolje momke na Phillips ligi. Vidite niko ne gundja, a ja znam kako im je," objasnjava trener Cirilovic sidnejskim navijačima posle naporne voznje. Ali su mu na umezane povrede i luncni igrači izmedju dve utakmice. Mendo Ristovski (posle pola sata u ulici (sad je na stakama), preko Andreje Kazija prestla kola koja je opravlja, Rujevic na poslu povredio trbuh, a Parrott sa svojom decom igrao zmurke i povredio nogu.

Svima je zao Mende, najveseljeg i najtalentovanijeg igrača JUST-a. Izabran je za reprezentaciju, ali nece moci da igra protiv Hajduka.

"Spremao sam se da zatresem Katalinicevu mrežu, bas kao sto sam napravio Enveru Maricu sa bele tacke. Cast je dati gol reprezentativnim golmanima, iako su iz moje taktovine," seretiski je namignuo Mendo, ali se brzo zgrioc od bola. Nije pukla kost, ali ni druge povrede nisu manje opasne.

Secam se kako se Mendo Ristovski nedavno rugao povrednom Draganu Vasicu: "Steta sto ti se udarili u nogu. Da su te uradili u glavu ne bi ti bilo nista!" Ne znam sta se sada Dragan reci Mendi, koji rado prima i deli salu.

ZADOLZOLJINI PODELOM BODOVA

Pod ovakvim uslovima i sa ocerupanim timom JUST je odlicno porsao protiv Western Suburbs, koji je imao vice od igre, ali su "plave" sanse bile zrelje. Neresen rezultat je ipak realan. Sudija Toni Boskovic je energicno i pravilno vodio ovaj susret Davida i Goli-jata, tehnicke snage. Pokazao je tri zuta kartona igracima Western Suburbs zbog prigovaranja, psovanja i grube igre.

JUST je imao vise navijaca od domacina. Posle dugoz bremena ponovo se pojavio Denis Boland, istina na klupi za rezervne igrače. Ali koliko dugo, jer su njegove sposobnosti nezamisljive? Zabrinuti O'Hara kaže: "Danas nisam branio dobro. Bio sam sretan. Ako mislim da sacuvan dres sa brojem jedan moram biti mnogo bolji, jel' tako, CHIRO," zavrrio je gledajuci u Bolanda.

DRAMATICNO FINALE AMPOL KUPA

Ampol Kup nije izgubio car i popularnost, iako se igra bez klubova Nacionalne Lige. Retke kad su finalisti bili ovoliko izjednačeni kao ove godine. Jedanaestercu su prvi put odlucili pobednika, koje je imo vise iskustva i bolje zivce. MAKEDONIJA je prvi put u finalu, pa je izgorela od zelje za uspehom pre vremena. Kao inače objasniti onaku igru posle vodstva od 2:0? CROATIA je zasluzeno po cetvrti put osvojila ovaj trofej. Dostigla je George Crossa, ali rekord drzi JUST — sest puta!

IDUCE NEDELJE "PLAVI" PROTIV HELLASA

Najvazniji susret iduce nedelje je melburnski derbi izmedju JUST-a i Hellasa, koji se igra 9. aprila na Olympic Parku. Mozda neće biti oboren rekord "grckog derbija", ali ce poseta biti belika jer se Hellas provukao kroz prva pet kola nepromenjen.

Pocinje i prvenstvo Victorije, koje otvaraju u petak 7. aprila na Olympic Park Essendon/Croatia i George Cross. U nedelju Makedonija igra protiv Hakoaha na Middle Parku.

Drugi tim JUST-a je gost Elthama u subotu 8. aprila. Istog dana igraju se sledece utakmice amaterskih liga: North Dandenong — INTER/Williamstown, CENTRAL ALSTONE — South Dandenong, Carlton/SRBIA — Karingal.

Nedeljne utakmice, 9 aprila: Mordialloc — PASCOE VALE, Wiltona/VOJVODJINA — Berwick City, RAAF Academy — Treći tim JUST-a.

USPELA PROBA DRUGOG TIMA

Prvoligas Green Bully Ajax, koji je prole nedelje potpisao drzavnog trenera Duncan McKaya, igrao je protiv drugog tima JUST-a prijateljsku utakmicu na svom igralistu i necekivano izgubio. PLAVI, kao po nekom nepisanim pravilu, igraju svaku drugu utakmicu kao samopijani, pa su ovog puta zasluzeno pobedili sa 3:2 (3:1). Trener Slobodan Zoraja je postigao dva tri gola u prvom poluvremenu, pa je onda uzeo "godisnji odmor". Posle odmora Ajax nije uspeo ni grubom igrom da prekrene rezultat. Jedino je ublažio poraz.

Sastav JUST-a: Stefanides, Grbac (Stojcevski), Karic, Dimovski, Cankovic, Acevski, Talevski (Hat-vany), S. Visic, Zoraja (P. Visic), Petreski, Kazanovski.

TESNE POBEDE PEGASUSA I TARAXA

PEGASUS se vraski namucio kod nije svladao borbeno i snaznu momcad Sperry Vickers sa 1:0. U pravi cas Stefan Fus je postigao pobednicki gol. Kao i prošlih godina PEGASUS i ove godine cilja na prvo mesto.

Sastav Pegasus: Kurjan 9, T. Placko 6, Harris 6, Petelinek 7, Moorrie 7, Stanovic 6, Sabljak 6, M. Placko 7, Fus 7, Ovar 6, Pavlovic 6.

Sa igracima druge momcad poluvremenu TARAX je pobedio preterano oster zemljake iz Makedonije, odnosno MEKO/Holding sa 4:3 (3:1). Sudija poslao Brkica u slavlionicu sto je uzvratilo udarcem na udaranje, a Milos Adamovic je za silcan dogodio zaradio zuti karton. Strelci: Milos Adamovic 3, Milan Brkic 1.

Sastav Taraxa: Kazu 7, Todorovic 7, R. Kresinger 7, Milinovic 8, Davis 6, Griffith 8, Kosivac 7, M. Kresinger 7, Adamovic 7, Pantic 7, Brkic 7.

Posle utakmice Taraxovci su se lepo pocastili sa prosljilom, koji je poklonila kasapnica "Dunav" iz Springfielda.

U predgri je drugi tim Taraxa pobedio DELSAELLO sa 8:1. Strelci: D. Karaga 2, Safas 2, J. Panagopoulos, K. Zahars i Kaskas po jedan.

Iduce nedelje igra se JUUGO-DERBI industrijske lige izmedju Pegasus i Taraxa u Noble Parku (High School Ground).

STATE LEAGUE

Round 1 Friday 7th April
Essendon v. George Cross.

Olympic Park, 7.30 pm

Sunday 9th April

Hakoah v. Preston

Altona v. Green Gully

Slavia v. Juventus

Sunshine v. Frankston

Ringwood v. Albion

Round 2 — 16th April

Frankston v. Ringwood

Juventus v. Sunshine

Green Gully v. Slavia

George Cross v. Altona

Albion v. Hakoah

Preston v. Essendon

Round 3 — 23rd April

Essendon v. Hakoah

Altona v. Preston

Slavia v. George Cross

Sunshine v. Green Gully

Ringwood v. Juventus

Frankston v. Albion

Round 4 — 30th April

Juventus v. Frankston

Green Gully v. Ringwood

George Cross v. Sunshine

Albion v. Essendon

Preston v. Slavia

Hakoah v. Altona

Round 5 — 7th May

Altona v. Essendon

Slavia v. Hakoah

Sunshine v. Preston

Ringwood v. George Cross

Frankston v. Green Gully

Juventus v. Albion

Round 6 — 14th May

Green Gully v. Juventus

George Cross v. Frankston

Albion v. Altona

Preston v. Ringwood

Hakoah v. Sunshine

Essendon v. Slavia

Sunday 21st May

— Tour by Derby County

Round 7 — 28th May

Slavia v. Altona

Sunshine v. Essendon

Ringwood v. Hakoah

Frankston v. Preston

Juventus v. George Cross

Green Gully v. Albion

Round 8 — 4th June

George Cross v. Green Gully

Albion v. Slavia

Preston v. Juventus

Hakoah v. Frankston

Essendon v. Ringwood

Altona v. Sunshine

Sunday 11th June

— tour by Greek national team

Round 9 — 18th June

Sunshine v. Slavia

Ringwood v. Altona

Frankston v. Essendon

Juventus v. Hakoah

Green Gully v. Preston

George Cross v. Albion

Round 10 — 25th June

Albion v. Sunshine

Preston v. George Cross

Essendon v. Juventus

Altona v. Frankston

Slavia v. Ringwood

Hakoah v. Green Gully

Round 11 — 2nd July

Ringwood v. Sunshine

Frankston v. Slavia

Juventus v. Altona

Green Gully v. Hakoah

George Cross v. Hakoah

Albion v. Preston

Round 12 — 9th July

Preston v. Hakoah

George Cross v. Essendon

Green Gully v. Altona

Juventus v. Slavia

Frankston v. Sunshine

Round 13 — 16th July

Provisionally reserved for international match

Round 13 — 23rd July

Ringwood v. Frankston

Sunshine v. Juventus

Slavia v. Green Gully

Altona v. George Cross

Hakoah v. Preston

Round 14 — 30th July

Hakoah v. Essendon

Preston v. Altona

George Cross v. Slavia

Green Gully v. Sunshine

Juventus v. Ringwood

Albion v. Frankston

Round 15 — 6th August

Frankston v. Juventus

Ringwood v. Green Gully

Sunshine v. George Cross

Essendon v. Albion

Slavia v. Preston

Altona v. Hakoah

Round 16 — 13th August

Essendon v. Altona

Hakoah v. Slavia

Preston v. Sunshine

George Cross v. Ringwood

Green Gully v. Frankston

Albion v. Juventus

Round 17 — 20th August

Juventus v. Green Gully

Frankston v. George Cross

Altona v. Albion

Ringwood v. Preston

Sunshine v. Hakoah

Slavia v. Essendon

Round 18 — 27th August

Altona v. Slavia

Essendon v. Sunshine

Hakoah v. Ringwood

Preston v. Frankston

George Cross v. Juventus

Albion v. Green Gully

Round 19 — 3rd September

Green Gully v. George Cross

Slavia v. Albion

Juventus v. Preston

Frankston v. Hakoah

Ringwood v. Essendon

Sunshine v. Altona

Round 20 — 10th September

Slavia v. Sunshine

Altona v. Ringwood

Essendon v. Frankston

Hakoah v. Juventus

Preston v. Green Gully

Albion v. George Cross

Round 21 — 17th September

Sunshine v. Albion

George Cross v. Preston

Juventus v. Essendon

Frankston v. Altona

Ringwood v. Slavia

Green Gully v. Hakoah

Round 22 — 24th September

Sunshine v. Ringwood

Slavia v. Frankston

Altona v. Juventus

Essendon v. Green Gully

Hakoah v. George Cross

Preston v. Albion

FIRST DIVISION

1st Round — Saturday 8th April.

Dandenong City v. Kellor.

Kellor City v. Doveton.

Waverley City v. Springvale City.

Sunday 9th April

Box Hill v. Ardeer.

Maribyrnong v. Collingwood City.

Western Suburbs v. Doveton.

2nd Round — Saturday 15th April.

Ardeer v. Dandenong City.

Kellor v. Waverley City.

Springvale City v. Kellor City.

Sunday 16th April.

Collingwood City v. Box Hill.

Croydon City v. Maribyrnong.

Doveton v. Western Suburbs.

3rd Round — Saturday 22nd April.

Croydon City v. Collingwood City.

Maribyrnong v. Doveton.

Western Suburbs v. Springvale City.

Sunday 23rd April.

Dandenong City v. Box Hill.

Kellor City v. Kellor.

Waverley City v. Ardeer.

4th Round — Saturday 29th April.

Collingwood City v. Dandenong City.

Kellor v. Western Suburbs.

Springvale City v. Maribyrnong.

Sunday 30th April.

Ardeer v. Kellor City.

Box Hill v. Waverley City.

Doveton v. Croydon City.

5th Round — Saturday 6th May.

Croydon City v. Springvale.

Doveton v. Collingwood City.

Kellor City v. Box Hill.

Sunday 7th May.

Maribyrnong v. Kellor.

Waverley City v. Dandenong City.

Western Suburbs v. Ardeer.

6th Round — Saturday 13th May.

Collingwood City v. Waverley City.

Box Hill v. Western Suburbs.

Kellor v. Croydon City.

Sunday 14th May.

Ardeer v. Maribyrnong.

Dandenong v. Kellor City.

Springvale City v. Doveton.

7th Round — Saturday 20th May.

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ΤΩΡΑ ΧΡΕΙΑΖΟΜΑΣΤΕ ΤΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΑΘΛΟΥΣ

Μπορεί να μη είχαμε την ευκαιρία να θρεθούμε ανάμεσα στους 15,00 φιλάθλους του Νιούκαστλ στην προετοιμασία του φετινού πρωταθλήματος, αλλά είχαμε την τύχη να βρεθούμε στην ηλεκτρισμένη ατμόσφαιρα που δημιουργήσαν οι 12,000 φιλάθλοι — Έλληνες οι περισσότεροι — στο φετινό 'Ελληνικό ντέρμπυ της χρονιάς μεταξύ 'Ελλάδας Μεταβόρνης και 'Αλεξάνδρου.

Βρεθήκαμε σε μία ατμόσφαιρα που πριν μερικά χρόνια ήταν μία συνηθισμένη εικόνα κάθε Κυριακή.

Δώδεκα χιλιάδες φιλάθλοι έκαναν την συγνώμη των δύο 'Ελληνικών ομάδων να μη διαφέρει σε τίποτα από ένα μεγάλο Ευρωπαϊκό παιχνίδι. Ήταν ένα πραγματικό ντέρμπυ με κύριο χαρακτηριστικό του τους πολλούς φιλάθλους. Δεν ήταν και λίγοι αυτοί που ευχθήκαν μετά τον αγώνα, να έχουμε τους ίδιους και περισσότερους φιλάθλους σε κάθε συνάντηση του πρωταθλήματος.

Οι φιλάθλοι που γέμισαν το Μίντλ Πάρκ έμειναν ευχαριστημένοι από την όλη αγωνιστική ημέρα. Καλός ο αγώνας, δύο γκολ, μία καλή ποδοσφαιρική ατμόσφαιρα μέχρι το τέλος. Μένει όμως τώρα το έργο. Θα μπορούσαμε να ξαναφέρουμε τους φιλάθλους, σε αυτούς τους αριθμούς, στα γήπεδα; Μπορούμε;

Με καλή διοργάνωση, με κατάλληλους ανθρώπους στις κατάλληλες θέσεις, μπορούμε. Και τους χρειαζόμαστε. Χωρίς αυτούς δεν υπάρχει το ποδόσφαιρο. Ο τρόπος να τους φέρουμε στο γήπεδο είναι όπως έχουμε ξαναπεί, το καλό θέαμα.

Ο φιλάθλος θέλει να μείνει ευχαριστημένος απ' ότι βλέπει μέσα στο γήπεδο. Και αυτό θα γίνει μόνον όταν οι διοργανωτές δουλέψουν καλά όπως έγινε και την περασμένη Κυριακή.

Το «κάτι έξτρα» ενθουσιάζει πάντοτε το κοινό. Μία επίδειξη, ορχήστρα, χορευτικό συγκρότημα, ένας γυναικείος αγώνας, ένας παιδικός αγώνας, κάτι το «έξτρα» πριν από το κύριο αγώνα έχει αποδειχτεί ότι πάντοτε τραβάει τον φιλάθλο χωρίς στο γήπεδο και ο ένας φέρονε τον άλλον και ταυτόχρονα γεμίζουν τα ταμεία μαζί με τις κερκίδες. Ένα ξερό μάτι πολλές φορές είναι λίγο για τα 3 δολάρια που πληρώνει.

Καλό θέαμα και καλή διοργάνωση λοιπόν χρειάζεται για να μπορούμε να ελπίσουμε ότι θα ξαναδοούμε δώδεκα χιλιάδες φιλάθλους στο γήπεδο χωρίς να είναι απογοητευμένοι 'Ελληνικό ντέρμπυ.

Δεν πρέπει όμως και οι φιλάθλοι να ξεχνούν ότι έχουν κι' αυτοί τις υποχρεώσεις τους. Μία από αυτές είναι η υποστήριξη του αθλήματος που αγαπάνε. Μόνον η δική τους υποστήριξη σε συνεργασία με την προσπάθεια των συλλόγων θ' ανεβάσει το ποδόσφαιρο της Αυστραλίας σε υψηλά επίπεδα.

Οι σύλλογοι οπαδών του κάθε σωματείου έχουν την υποχρέωση να προσβάλλουν όσο περισσότερο μπορούν την ομάδα τους και το ποδόσφαιρο. Οι σπασίες, τα πανιά, τα συνθήματα, οι τοσάκνες, είναι κι' αυτά ένα μέρος της ποδοσφαιρικής ατμόσφαιρας.

Ένας καινούριος μέσος στο γήπεδο θα ενθουσιαστεί και την επόμενη Κυριακή θα φέρει και τον φίλο του στο γήπεδο. Αυτούς τους έκτακτους ποσεί οι σύλλογοι οπαδών να τους μετατρέψουν σε μόνιμους, διότι οι δύο - τρεις χιλιάδες σπανιστών έτοι κι' άλλοι ως βοήκωνες κάθε Κυριακή στο γήπεδο, ορέζει, κιονόει.

Χρειάζεται φιλάθλους το ποδόσφαιρο της Αυστραλίας για να ποσοποιηθεί. Και όταν μία ομάδα παίζει υποοστή σε πολύ κόσμο αποδίδει ακόμη καλύτερα. Βλέπετε το ένα εξαστάει από το άλλο. Οι φιλάθλοι θέλουν καλό θέαμα και το καλό θέαμα προσφέρει όταν αυτοί βοηθούν αριθμητικά τις ομάδες.

PROVISIONAL DIV. ONE

Essendon City v Heidelberg
Prahran City v Marvell Falcons
Coburg v Mooroolbark Utd.
Round 15 — 15th July
Mooroolbark Utd. v Prahran City
Marvell Falcons v Essendon City
Heidelberg v Doncaster Rovers
South Melbourne v Coburg
Chelsea v Yallourn
Broadmeadows City v Moorabbin City
Round 16 — 22nd July
South Melbourne v Broadmeadows City
Moorabbin City v Chelsea
Yallourn v Heidelberg
Doncaster Rovers v Marvell Falcons
Essendon City v Mooroolbark Utd.
Coburg v Prahran City
Round 17 — 29th July
Prahran City v Essendon City
Mooroolbark Utd. v Doncaster Rovers
Broadmeadows City v Coburg
Marvell Falcons v Yallourn
Heidelberg v Moorabbin City
Chelsea v South Melbourne
Round 18 — 5th August
Broadmeadows City v Chelsea
South Melbourne v Heidelberg
Moorabbin City v Marvell Falcons
Yallourn v Mooroolbark Utd.
Doncaster Rovers v Prahran City
Coburg v Essendon City
Round 19 — 12th August
Essendon City v Doncaster Rovers
Chelsea v Coburg
Prahran City v Yallourn
Mooroolbark Utd. v Moorabbin City
Marvell Falcons v South Melbourne
Heidelberg v Broadmeadows City
Round 20 — 19th August
Chelsea v Heidelberg
Broadmeadows City v Marvell Falcons
South Melbourne v Mooroolbark Utd.
Moorabbin City v Prahran City
Yallourn v Essendon City
Coburg v Doncaster
Round 21 — 26th August
Heidelberg v Coburg
Doncaster Rovers v Yallourn
Prahran City v South Melbourne
Mooroolbark Utd. v Broadmeadows City
Marvell Falcons v Chelsea
Round 22 — 2nd September
Essendon City v Moorabbin City
Heidelberg v Marvell Falcons
Chelsea v Mooroolbark Utd.
Broadmeadows City v Prahran City
South Melbourne v Essendon City
Moorabbin City v Doncaster Rovers
Yallourn v Coburg

Round 1 — Saturday 8th April
Frankston Pines v Geelong
North Dandenong v Williamstown
Greensborough v Nunawading City
Hotham Utd. v Keysborough
Rushey v Langwarrin
Hamlyn Rangers v Ballarat
Round 2 — 15th April
Langwarrin v Hamlyn Rangers
Keysborough v Rushey
Nunawading City v Hotham Utd.
Williamstown v Greensborough
Ballarat v Frankston Pines
Geelong v North Dandenong
Round 3 — 22nd April
North Dandenong v Frankston Pines
Greensborough v Geelong
Hotham Utd. v Williamstown
Rushey v Nunawading City
Hamlyn Rangers v Keysborough
Langwarrin v Ballarat
Round 4 — 29th April
Keysborough v Langwarrin
Nunawading City v Hamlyn Rangers
Williamstown v Rushey
Ballarat v North Dandenong
Geelong v Hotham Utd.
Frankston Pines v Greensborough
Round 5 — 6th May
Greensborough v North Dandenong
Hotham Utd. v Frankston Pines
Rushey v Geelong
Hamlyn Rangers v Williamstown
Langwarrin v Nunawading City
Keysborough v Ballarat
Round 6 — 13th May
Nunawading City v Keysborough
Williamstown v Langwarrin
Ballarat v Greensborough
Geelong v Hamlyn Rangers
Frankston Pines v Rushey
North Dandenong v Hotham Utd.
Round 7 — 20th May
Hotham Utd. v Greensborough
Rushey v North Dandenong
Hamlyn Rangers v Frankston Pines
Langwarrin v Geelong
Keysborough v Williamstown
Nunawading City v Ballarat
Round 8 — 27th May
Williamstown v Nunawading City
Ballarat v Hotham Utd.
Geelong v Keysborough
Frankston Pines v Langwarrin
North Dandenong v Hamlyn Rangers
Greensborough v Rushey
Round 9 — 3rd June
Rushey v Hotham Utd.
Hamlyn Rangers v Greensborough
Langwarrin v North Dandenong
Keysborough v Frankston Pines
Nunawading City v Geelong
Williamstown v Ballarat
Round 10 — 10th June
Ballarat v Rushey
Geelong v Williamstown
North Dandenong v Keysborough
Greensborough v Langwarrin
Hotham Utd. v Hamlyn Rangers
Frankston Pines v Nunawading City
Round 11 — 17th June
Hamlyn Rangers v Rushey
Nunawading City v North Dandenong
Langwarrin v Hotham Utd.
Keysborough v Greensborough
Nunawading City v North Dandenong
Langwarrin v Hotham Utd.
Frankston Pines v Nunawading City
Round 12 — 24th June
Geelong v Frankston Pines
Williamstown v Hotham Utd.
Rushey v North Dandenong
Hamlyn Rangers v Langwarrin
North Dandenong v Hamlyn Rangers
Greensborough v Rushey
Round 13 — 1st July
Worribee v Caulfield City
Mornington v Utd. of Melb.
Monash University v South Yarra
Fawkner v Clayton
Sandringham City v Ringwood Utd.
Park Rangers v Corio
Round 14 — 8th July
Sandringham City v Park Rangers
Corio v Fawkner
Clayton v Monash University
South Yarra v Mornington
Utd. of Melb. v Worribee
Ringwood Utd. v Caulfield City
Round 15 — 15th July
Caulfield City v Clayton
Fawkner v Ringwood Utd.
Worribee v Corio
Mornington v Sandringham City
Monash University v Park Rangers
Round 16 — 5th August
Fawkner v Monash University
Park Rangers v Mornington
Sandringham City v Worribee
Clayton v Utd. of Melb.
Ringwood Utd. v South Yarra
Corio v Caulfield City
Round 17 — 29th July
Utd. of Melb. v South Yarra
Caulfield City v Clayton
Fawkner v Ringwood Utd.
Worribee v Corio
Mornington v Sandringham City
Monash University v Park Rangers
Round 18 — 5th August
Fawkner v Monash University
Park Rangers v Mornington
Sandringham City v Worribee
Clayton v Utd. of Melb.
Ringwood Utd. v South Yarra
Corio v Caulfield City
Round 19 — 12th August
South Yarra v Clayton
Monash University v Mornington
Fawkner v Worribee
Park Rangers v Caulfield City
Sandringham City v Utd. of Melb.
Corio v South Yarra
Round 20 — 19th August
Monash University v Mornington
Fawkner v Worribee
Park Rangers v Caulfield City
Sandringham City v Utd. of Melb.
Corio v South Yarra
Round 21 — 26th August
Mornington v Sandringham City
Fawkner v Corio
Ringwood Utd. v South Yarra
Corio v Caulfield City
Clayton v Monash University
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Round 1 — Saturday 8th April
Sandringham City v Corio
Park Rangers v Clayton
Fawkner v South Yarra
Monash University v Utd. of Melb.
Mornington v Caulfield City
Worribee v Ringwood Utd.
Round 2 — 15th April
Caulfield City v Worribee
Utd. of Melb. v Mornington
South Yarra v Monash University
Clayton v Fawkner
Ringwood Utd. v Sandringham City
Corio v Park Rangers
Round 3 — 22nd April
Park Rangers v Sandringham City
Fawkner v Corio
Monash University v Clayton
Mornington v South Yarra
Worribee v Utd. of Melb.
Caulfield City v Ringwood Utd.
Round 4 — 29th April
Utd. of Melb. v Caulfield City
South Yarra v Worribee
Clayton v Mornington
Ringwood Utd. v Park Rangers
Corio v Monash University
Sandringham City v Fawkner
Round 5 — 6th May
Fawkner v Park Rangers
Monash University v Sandringham City
Mornington v Corio
Worribee v Clayton
Caulfield City v South Yarra
Utd. of Melb. v Ringwood Utd.
Round 6 — 13th May
South Yarra v Utd. of Melb.
Clayton v Caulfield City
Ringwood Utd. v Fawkner
Corio v Worribee
Sandringham City v Mornington
Park Rangers v Monash University
Round 7 — 20th May
Monash University v Fawkner
Round 8 — 27th May
Williamstown v Nunawading City
Ballarat v Hotham Utd.
Geelong v Keysborough
Frankston Pines v Langwarrin
North Dandenong v Hamlyn Rangers
Greensborough v Rushey
Round 9 — 3rd June
Rushey v Hotham Utd.
Hamlyn Rangers v Greensborough
Langwarrin v North Dandenong
Keysborough v Frankston Pines
Nunawading City v Geelong
Williamstown v Ballarat
Round 10 — 10th June
Ballarat v Rushey
Geelong v Williamstown
North Dandenong v Keysborough
Greensborough v Langwarrin
Hotham Utd. v Hamlyn Rangers
Frankston Pines v Nunawading City
Round 11 — 17th June
Hamlyn Rangers v Rushey
Nunawading City v North Dandenong
Langwarrin v Hotham Utd.
Keysborough v Greensborough
Nunawading City v North Dandenong
Langwarrin v Hotham Utd.
Frankston Pines v Nunawading City
Round 12 — 24th June
Geelong v Frankston Pines
Williamstown v North Dandenong
Nunawading City v Greensborough
Keysborough v Hotham Utd.
Langwarrin v Rushey
Ballarat v Hamlyn Rangers
Round 13 — 1st July
Hamlyn Rangers v Langwarrin
Rushey v Keysborough
Hotham Utd. v Nunawading City
Greensborough v Williamstown
Frankston Pines v Ballarat
North Dandenong v Geelong
Round 14 — 8th July
Frankston Pines v North Dandenong
Geelong v Greensborough
Williamstown v Hotham Utd.
Nunawading City v Rushey
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Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Edmund Kreft

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Olympic Field, Kensington (Adelaide) Saturday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., MALA, QLD, 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boeqheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue stripe

This week's match: v. **CANBERRA CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Saturday 7.30 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: D. Ford.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

SPONSOR: **Alitalia** Airlines

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Englefield Stadium, Dural (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 7, Canberra A.C.T. 2600

SECRETARY: H.G. Leslie bus (062) 81 1313

COACH: J. Warren.

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Saturday 7.30 pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)
663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W. Phone (02) 660 7431

SPONSOR: Sport Fashions

This week's match: v. **MARCONI** at Wentworth Park, Glebe (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

SPONSOR: **JAT** YUGOSLAV AIRLINES

This week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



FITZROY UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

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TRAVEL & TOURS

SECRETARY: S. Karanikolopoulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: T. Boggi

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne.
(03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel

This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico

This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH** at Wentworth Park, Glebe (Sydney) 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. **ST GEORGE** at Barton Park, Rockdale (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: I. Takacs

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v. **NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED** at Barton Park, Rockdale (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64,
ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus. (03) 211 1247

MANAGER: D. MacLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181
SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: T. Anderson

GROUND: Erskville Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskville

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices

This week's match: v. **ADELAIDE CITY** at Olympic Field, Kensington (Adelaide) Saturday 2.30 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v. **FITZROY UNITED** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Englefield Stadium, Dural (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

